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MINUTES.

I. ORGANIZATION.

THE Fifth Session of the Detroit Annual Conference of the M. E. Church convened at the Church in the village of Dexter, on the 26th of September, 1860, Bishop Morris presiding.

At 9 o'clock, A. M., Bishop Thomas A. Morris took the chair, called the Conference to order, and conducted the opening devotional exercises, which consisted of reading the fourth chapter of Luke, singing 213th hymn, and prayer.

The roll of the Conference was then called, when eighty-three members answered to their names.

The Conference then proceeded to the election of Secretary, by ballot, E. H. Pilcher and W. E. Bigelow acting as Tellers. S. Clements, Jr., having received a majority of all the votes, was declared elected—and on motion, W. C. Way was appointed Assistant Secretary.

The Conference then ordered and appointed the following standing Committees :

On Public Worship—Geo. Smith, J. M. Arnold, M. Hickey.

Conference Stewards—R. R. Richards, Wm. Fox, R. Bird, S. Reed, J. S. Sutton.

On Missions—Presiding Elders.

Mission Auditing Committee—Geo. Taylor, T. J. Joslin, W. Benson.

On Education—T. C. Gardner, Wm. Mahon, J. H. Burnham.

On Sunday Schools—J. A. Baughman, S. S. Littlefield, Isaac Crawford.

On Temperance—C. M. Anderson, F. W. May, O. Sanborn.

On Publication of Minutes—S. Clements, Jr., W. C. Way, J. W. Kellogg.

Post Offices—H. O. Parker.

Tract Cause—Hiram Hood, E. R. Hascall, B. Cocker.

On Slavery—J. Levington, E. Steele, D. B. Tracy, A. R. Bartlett, O. Whitmore.

On Statistics—F. A. Blades, L. C. York, D. A. Curtis.

On Parsonages—S. P. Warner, A. J. Bigelow, S. P. Lee.

On Bible Cause—John Russell, A. Minnis, I. W. Donelson.

Memoirs—W. H. Perrine, M. Hickey, Geo. Smith.

On Periodicals—W. E. Bigelow, W. G. Stonex, S. C. Stringham.

On the use of Tobacco—J. J. Gridley, B. F. Pritchard, P. O. Johnson.

The rules of order governing the previous session were then adopted, governing the present session.

II. DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. Jacob C. Wortly, William Clack, James H. Curnalia, John Hamilton, William J. Campbell, Oliver J. Perrin, Joseph T. Hankinson, Harvey Joslin, Thomas Nichols, William J. Johnston, Abijah E. Ketchum.

QUESTION 2. Who remain on trial?

ANSWER. Geo. I. Betts, Thomas Stalker, James Armstrong, Barton S. Taylor, William Dunning, O. H. P. Green, Alanson Herrick, S. E. Warren, L. S. Tedman, Thomas G. Potter, Samuel Bird, William C. Shaw, M. S. Leet, S. P. Vandoozer, Samuel Wilkinson.

QUESTION 3. Who are admitted into full connection?

ANSWER. Arthur Edwards, Jr., George W. Lowe, Wm. M. Triggs, Daniel W. Hammond, Raynor S. Pardington, George W. Owen, James R. Cordon, Rufus H. Crane.

QUESTION 4. Who are the Deacons?

ANSWER. *Arthur Edwards, Jr., George W. Lowe, Wm. M. Triggs, D. W. Hammond, R. S. Pardington, George W. Owen, J. R. Cordon, R. H. Crane,* J. R. Noble, E. E. Caster, J. W. Crippen, S. L. Ramsdell, A. J. Black, J. H. Caster, Jesse Kilpatrick, J. G. Kern, W. C. Way, J. B. Russell, T. C. Higgins, John Wesley, Benj. Cocker, James Webster, S. P. Murch, L. D. Burch.

NOTE.—Those in italics were ordained this year.

QUESTION 5. Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?

ANSWER. Alexander Gee, W. Q. Burnett, Isaac Crawford, Henry Carlton, J. W. Kellogg, L. C. York, B. L. Deshetler.

QUESTION 6. Who have located this year?

ANSWER. J. B. Varnum, Elisha Wright.

QUESTION 7. Who are the superannuated preachers?

ANSWER. William Todd, J. E. Parker, Andrew Bell, Robert Triggs, L. D. Burch, John Gray, W. H. Perrine, A. C. Shaw, James Webster.

QUESTION 8. Who have been expelled from the connection this year?

ANSWER. None.

QUESTION 9. Who have withdrawn from the connection this year?

ANSWER. None.

QUESTION 10. Were all the Preachers' characters examined?

ANSWER. This was strictly attended to by calling over their names before the Conference.

QUESTION 11. Who have died during this year?

ANSWER. Robert Dubois. (See Memoir.)

QUESTION 12. What is the number of members and what of probationers in Society?

ANSWER. Members, 14,652. Probationers, 1,964.

QUESTION 13. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated Preachers and the widows and orphans of Preachers, and to make up the deficiency of those who have not received their regular allowance on the circuits?

| | |
|---|------------------|
| ANSWER. On the claims of effective Preachers, | \$6,778 00 |
| On the claims of superannuated Preachers, | 1,330 00 |
| On the claims of Widows and Orphans, | 670 00 |
| | <hr/> \$8,778 00 |

QUESTION 14. What has been collected on the foregoing accounts and how has it been applied?

| | |
|--|----------------|
| ANSWER. From the different charges as a "Fifth Collection" for general distribution, | \$656 45 |
| From the "Chartered Fund," | 25 00 |
| From the Conference Collection, | 81 44 |
| *From the "Parkhurst Fund," | 23 00 |
| | <hr/> \$785 89 |

This amount has been distributed as follows:

| | |
|----------------------|---------|
| To Wm. Todd, | \$72 60 |
| " Andrew Bell, | 91 02 |

*Appropriated to Widows and Orphans.

| | |
|--|-------|
| " Robert Triggs, | 72 60 |
| " John Gray, | 78 41 |
| " Flaval Brittain, | 57 46 |
| " Mrs. Dubois, | 91 03 |
| " " Ruark, | 37 20 |
| " " Fox, | 37 20 |
| " " Chaplin, | 37 20 |
| " " Watson, | 35 00 |
| " " Collins, | 64 04 |
| " Children of J. J. Whitmore, | 29 15 |
| " " of R. Goodall, | 25 60 |
| Paid for Stationery, | 4 56 |
| Paid to L. C. York, as a necessitous case, | 51 44 |

QUESTION 15. What has been contributed for the support of Missions? what for the Sunday School Union? what for the publication and circulation of Tracts, and what for the American Bible Society?

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| ANSWER. For Missions, | \$3,514 45 |
| For Sunday School Union, | 94 26 |
| For Tract Society, | 12 18 |
| For American Bible Society, | 659 11 |

QUESTION 16. Where are the Preachers stationed this year?

DETROIT DISTRICT.

M. HICKEY, P. E.

| | |
|---|--|
| Detroit, Woodward Avenue— <i>Seth Reed.</i> | Wayne— <i>George Smith.</i> |
| Congress street— <i>F. W. May.</i> | Belville and Sheldon's— <i>R. R. Richards.</i> |
| Lafayette street— <i>D. C. Jacokes.</i> | Pontiac— <i>John Russell.</i> |
| Walnut street— <i>John Levington.</i> | Birmingham— <i>B. H. Hedger.</i> |
| Trenton— <i>William Benson.</i> | Farmington— <i>R. C. Crane, B. S. Taylor.</i> |
| Lee Chapel— <i>Jason W. Kellogg.</i> | Northville— <i>E. R. Hascall.</i> |
| Flat Rock— <i>Thomas Wakelin.</i> | Commerce— <i>Thomas Stalker.</i> |

ANN ARBOR DISTRICT.

E. H. PILCHER, P. E.

| | |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Ann Arbor— <i>F. A. Blades.</i> | New Hudson—To be supplied. |
| Dixboro— <i>George Taylor.</i> | Brighton—To be supplied. |
| Ypsilanti— <i>Benj. Cocker.</i> | Pinckney— <i>Ira W. Donelson.</i> |
| Augusta— <i>T. C. Higgins.</i> | Dexter— <i>J. M. Arnold.</i> |
| Oakville— <i>J. J. Gridley.</i> | Chelsea— <i>Oren Whitmore, S. L. Ramsdell.</i> |
| Unadilla— <i>C. M. Anderson.</i> | Saline— <i>J. P. Davidson.</i> |
| Henrietta— <i>S. P. Vandoozer.</i> | Grass Lake— <i>P. O. Johnson.</i> |
| South Lyon— <i>William Birdsall.</i> | North Lake—To be supplied. |
| Milford— <i>J. S. Sutton.</i> | |

T. C. Gardner, Agent of the American Bible Society, and Member of Ypsilanti Quarterly Conference.

ADRIAN DISTRICT.

JONATHAN BLANCHARD, P. E.

Adrian—*George I. Betts.*
 Tecumseh—*A. R. Bartlett.*
 Clinton—*S. C. Stringham.*
 Manchester—*William Donnelly.*
 Napoleon—*Curtis Mosher.*
 Franklin—*S. S. Littlefield.*
 Rome—*E. H. Brockway*—one to be
 supplied.
 Hudson—*J. A. Baughman.*
 Medina—*D. A. Curtis.*

Morenci—*J. G. Whitcomb.*
 Fairfield—*O. J. Perrin.*
 Palmyra and Blissfield—*W. Q. Burnett*
 Petersburg—*W. G. Stonex.*
 Bedford—*J. W. Holt.*
 Monroe—*J. H. Burnham.*
 Detroit River Mission—*B. L. Desheller.*
 Dundee—*Geo. W. Lowe.*
 Ridgway—*John Wesley.*

OWASSO DISTRICT.

F. W. WARREN, P. E.

Owosso—*E. E. Caster.*
 Corunna—*A. J. Bigelow.*
 Bennington—*S. P. Lee.*
 Middlebury—*W. M. Triggs.*
 Perry—*Jesse Kilpatrick.*
 Byron and Newburg—*James Arm-*
strong, J. H. Curnalia.
 Oak Grove—*Flaval Brittain.*
 Linton—*Richard McConnell.*

Fentonville—*Wm. Taylor.*
 Hartland—*O. H. P. Green.*
 Howell—*L. H. Dean.*
 Fowlerville—*J. H. Caster.*
 Ingham—*Elias B. Prindle.*
 Williamston—*J. T. Hankinson.*
 New Haven—*S. Wilkison.*
 Chessening—*J. B. Russell.*

FLINT DISTRICT.

J. S. SMART, P. E.

Flint—*T. J. Joslin.*
 South Flint—*Hiram Hood.*
 Flushing—*Isaac Crawford.*
 Genesee—*R. H. Crane.*
 East Saginaw—*H. N. Brown.*
 Saginaw City—*Arthur Edwards, Jr.*
 Midland—*Alanson Herrick.*
 Bay City—*J. C. Wortley.*

Tuscola and Watrous—*J. O. Bancroft,* John Hamilton.
 Forest—*William Dunning.*
 Hadley—*Wm. Mothersill.*
 Goodrich—*Harvey Joslin.*
 Clarkston—*G. N. Beldnap,* M. S. Leet.
 Holly—*J. W. Crippin.*
 Grand Blanc—*Thomas Seeley.*

ROMEO DISTRICT.

S. CALKINS, P. E.

Romeo—*Wm. Mahon.*
 Mt. Clemens—*Alfred Allen.*
 Utica—*B. F. Pritchard.*
 Stoney Creek—*Lewis Mitchell.*
 Washington—*E. Steele.*
 Oakland—*J. R. Noble.*
 Oxford—*S. Bessey.*
 Lapeer—*W. M. Hevener.*

Lathropville—*To be supplied.*
 North Branch—*L. S. Tedman.*
 Almont—*Adam Minnis.*
 Dryden—*Alexander Gee.*
 Armada—*Jacob Dobbins.*
 Chesterfield—*S. E. Warren.*
 Capac—*D. W. Hammond.*

PORT HURON DISTRICT.

W. E. BIGELOW, P. E.

Port Huron—*S. Clements, Jr.*
 Vicksburg—*S. Bird.*
 St. Clair—*S. P. Warner.*
 Newport—*R. S. Pardington.*
 Algonac—*Orlando Sanborn.*
 Columbus—*Geo. W. Owen.*
 Richmond—*A. E. Ketchum.*
 Memphis—*Ira H. Camburn.*
 Brockway—*Wm. J. Johnston.*
 Ruby—*J. G. Kern.*

Lake Port—*Wm. Tuttle.*
 Lexington—*T. G. Potter.*
 Davisville—*Wm. Clack.*
 Port Sanilac and Forester—*J. R. Cor-*
don.
 Forestville—*Thomas Nichols.*
 Willow Creek—*Wm. J. Campbell.*
 Ottawas—*To be supplied.*
 Alpena—*To be supplied.*
 Cheboygan—*To be supplied.*

LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT.

ROBERT BIRD, P. E.

Mackinaw City—*To be supplied.*
 Saut Ste. Marie—*To be supplied.*
 Iroquois Point and Sugar Island—
Peter Marksman, one to be supplied.
 Marquette—*William Fox.*
 Kewawenon—*S. P. Murch.*
 Houghton—*D. B. Tracy.*

Copper Harbor—*To be supplied.*
 Clifton—*Erastus Klumph.*
 Ontonagon and Maple Grove—*L. C.*
York.
 Minnesota Mines—*H. O. Parker.*
 Bay de Noquette—*Robert Johnson.*
 Hancock—*To be supplied.*

SUPERIOR CITY DISTRICT.

JOHN PUGH, P. E.

Superior City—*Henry Carlton.*
 Oneota—*John Pugh.*

Bayfield—*Wm. C. Shaw.*

QUESTION 17. Where and when shall our next Conference be held?

ANSWER. In Detroit. The time not determined.

Next year being the Semi - Centenary of Methodism in Michigan, the Conference resolved to celebrate it with appropriate religious exercises, on Tuesday evening preceding its next session, and appointed Rev. E. H. Pilcher to preach a sermon on the occasion.

Committees of Examination for 1861.

ON CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL—The Presiding Elder on the District where the candidates resides. Examination to be on the District.

FIRST YEAR—Seth Reed, A. J. Bigelow, D. B. Tracy, L. H. Dean.

SECOND YEAR—A. R. Bartlet, Hiram Hood, E. Steele, O. Sanborn.

THIRD YEAR—R. R. Richards, Wm. Fox, Wm. Mothersill, S. Bessey.

FOURTH YEAR—W. G. Stonex, H. O. Parker, L. C. York, C. M. Anderson.

FOR LOCAL PREACHERS RECOMMENDED FOR DEACONS' ORDERS—Geo. Taylor, J. A. Baughman.

FOR LOCAL PREACHERS RECOMMENDED FOR ELDERS' ORDERS—D. A. Curtis, E. Klumph.

Traveling Preachers to be examined on the day previous to the session of the Conference, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Local Preachers on Friday of the first week of the Session, at the seat of the Conference, at 2 o'clock P. M.

III. EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EDUCATION.

Conference Vice-President of the Sunday School Union.

REV. GEORGE SMITH.

Officers of the Conference Sunday School Union.

President—W. E. BIGELOW. *Vice President*—SAMUEL BESSEY.
Secretary—ISAAC CRAWFORD. *Treasurer*—A. J. BIGELOW.

MANAGERS:

S. CLEMENTS, JR. O. WHITMORE. GEO. TAYLOR.
H. HOOD. WM. MAHON. B. F. PRITCHARD.

Conference Sunday School Committee.

Detroit District—Rev. W. C. Way, A. T. BARNES.
Ann Arbor District—Rev. J. M. Arnold, Dr. P. Davis.
Adrian District—Rev. Wm. Dounelly, James Jordon.
Owosso District—Rev. L. H. Dean, Isaac Gale.
Flint District—Rev. Isaac Crawford, Wm. Stevenson.
Romeo District—Rev. Wm. Mahon, John Tinsman.
Port Huron District—Rev. R. S. Pardington, H. Fish.
Lake Superior District—Rev. S. P. Murch, — Earl.
Superior City District—Rev. H. Carlton, R. G. Coburn.

Resolutions of the Conference.

Resolved, 1, That we will give the Sabbath School cause, and especially the Sunday School Union of the M. E. Church, greater prominence in our general ministrations, by preaching at least once on the subject in every charge and every congregation, and asking the people for a contribution to the cause.

Resolved, 2, That we will use all reasonable exertions to circulate our own Sunday School literature, by introducing our own Sunday School books into all our Schools, and by circulating the *Sunday School Advocate* and the *Sunday School Teachers' Journal* in all our Schools, and, as far as possible, in every family.

Resolved, 3, That we will endeavor more fully and stringently to carry out everywhere the provisions of the Discipline on the subject of our Sabbath School interests.

J. A. BAUGHMAN,
S. S. LITTLEFIELD,
I. CRAWFORD.

Statistics.

| DISTRICTS. | No. Schools. | No. Officers and Teachers. | No. Scholars | No. Volumes in Library. | No. Bible Classes. | No. Scholars in Infant Classes. | Expenses of Schools. | Received for S. Union. | No. of S. S. Advocates Taken. | No. of Conversions. |
|-----------------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Detroit District, | 46 | 524 | 2,990 | 9,044 | 20 | 346 | \$ 170 54 | \$ 24 49 | 453 | 37 |
| Ann Arbor District, | 27 | 268 | 1,548 | 4,455 | 29 | 121 | 171 87 | 3 39 | 368 | 12 |
| Adrian District,... | 36 | 368 | 1,849 | 6,048 | 22 | 254 | 397 78 | 20 68 | 612 | 25 |
| Owosso District,... | 47 | 332 | 1,611 | 3,460 | 27 | 30 | 137 72 | 9 23 | 329 | 37 |
| Flint District,.... | 56 | 355 | 1,903 | 5,808 | 18 | 58 | 339 41 | 8 63 | 666 | 61 |
| Romeo District,... | 34 | 277 | 1,259 | 4,368 | 8 | 79 | 168 06 | 2 56 | 231 | 9 |
| Pt. Huron District, | 64 | 455 | 2,195 | 6,855 | 26 | 194 | 186 81 | ..... | 508 | 23 |
| L. Superior District, | 6 | 82 | 232 | 1,126 | 8 | 57 | 70 00 | ..... | 75 | 10 |
| Total, | 316 | 2,661 | 13,557 | 41,164 | 158 | 1,129 | \$1,642 19 | \$ 68 98 | 3,242 | 214 |
| Last Year, | 301 | 2,653 | 12,760 | 41,187 | 160 | 1,057 | 1,839 07 | 113 80 | 3,035 | 240 |
| Increase, | 15 | 8 | 797 | d23 | d2 | 72 | d196 88 | d44 82 | 207 | d26 |

Report of Committee on Education.

The Committee on Education submitted the following Report:

The people of the State of Michigan may congratulate themselves on having a system of public instruction approaching very nearly perfection. Provision is made by law for establishing a free common school in every school district in the State, to give instruction in the solid branches of learning. Provision is also made for a regular system of union or graded schools, in which a complete course of preparatory study may be pursued in order to entrance upon the higher courses of University instruction. One of the noblest Universities that adorn the Republic is the property, the pride, and the glory of the citizens of Michigan. An Agricultural College, having more immediately in view the wants of that large class of the population that may justly be described as the bone and sinew of the State, and that are developing its rich material resources, has been originated by legislative wisdom and action, and will become, we hope, a permanent institution. We regret that no public provision has been made for affording to females as ample facilities for obtaining the highest grade of collegiate instruction and honor as those existing for the other sex. We can see no good reason why the doors of the University of the State should not be thrown open for the admission of those on whose education and accomplishments depend, to so large an extent, the well-being, the social progress, the higher civilization and the elevated destinies of the race. We have failed in our attempts to realize the force of the arguments against so just, so befitting, so enlightened a measure, and we for the present dismiss the topic with the hope that the day is not far distant when the voice of the people will be expressed in such a manner as will secure to the class so deeply interested what is not asked as a *privilege*, but is claimed as a *right*. In the meantime, the people at large should give all possible encouragement and support to female collegiate institutions projected by private and denominational enterprise.

There are now in the State about four thousand school districts, in the schools of which about one hundred and eighty-four thousand children are taught the rudiments of education. The amount raised the past year for the support of these schools by the one-mill tax was \$127,745 43. The amount appropriated from the Primary school interest was \$105,706 07, making a total of \$233,451 50.

There are fifty Union Schools, free academies of preparatory instruction, in existence in the State.

The State Normal School has a board of ten professors and teachers, who gave instruction the past year to three hundred and eleven pupils.

The Agricultural College embraces five departments of instruction.

The University of Michigan has twenty-six professors and instructors, and numbered in its classes the past year five hundred and fifty students.

There are in the State thirteen academies and colleges controlled and sustained by private energy and denominational liberality.

As the largest Christian denomination in the State, having performed the largest share of pioneer evangelizing labors, enjoying the richest rewards and honors of denominational enterprise, and fitted and expected from our very economy, to be most aggressive and far reaching in our plans and operations, we ought to be most alive to the educational interests of the State. The influence of our minis-

ry ought to be felt in every school belonging to the State, from the humblest primary up to the great University. Every Methodist minister, especially in his local relations and ministries, should give due attention to the interests of this cause as they come within his field of vision. His reading, his study, his observation, his practical influence, should embrace this high department of the thought, the life and the action of the community. We regard it as the duty of the Christian pastor, the performance of which involves his reputation and standing in the community, as well as the weight of his pulpit instructions and the relative position and influence of his charge, as he would naturally take part in every reformatory movement, even so to interest himself specially in all the educational agencies of his sphere of labor. The salvation of souls is involved in all his efforts to affect the life, the movements, the weal of the whole people.

We now submit that the time has fully come when we should give our most serious and weighty attention to the educational interests and wants of our own church as existing within the boundaries of the State of Michigan. The history of our educational enterprise may be read both for instruction and encouragement. While its pages are not free from the ordinary indexes of human infirmity, yet we can write it, and print it, and read it without feeling that we have more than ordinary cause to be ashamed of our neglects and deficiencies.

In 1833 a few of the enlightened men of the church started the project of founding an institution of learning of a high grade under the patronage of Methodism in Michigan. Proposals respecting its location were submitted to the Annual Conference in 1834, when that body appointed a committee to take the matter into consideration. The institution was chartered by the Territorial Legislature in 1835. In 1839 the charter was amended and the location changed to Albion. In 1841 the corner stone of the main building was laid, and in the fall of 1843 the institution, to the joy of its friends, went into successful operation. In 1849 the charter was enlarged so as to embrace the immunities of a Female College. Its history the past ten years has been that of a very successful preparatory seminary of instruction and female collegiate institute. During the seventeen years of its existence, the average attendance of its pupils has been three hundred and fifty. It is a fair estimate that from five to six thousand different persons have received instruction in its halls, the largest proportion of whom have honored its name in the various professions and walks of life. Our ministry in Michigan has been greatly enriched by the talents and devotion of many who obtained their education in the Wesleyan Seminary at Albion. Through their labors the salvation of even thousands has resulted from the treasure and prayers of the church, as represented in the establishment and maintenance of the institution.

It were a mistake to suppose that its financial operations have been devoid of economy. Mistakes are apparent in its financial history, but where is the institution whose financial records are free from these? We think it safe to say that, making due allowance for the infirmity of human judgment, and the errors incident to the practical administration of business affairs by many minds instead of one controlling will, the management of the institution has been, on the whole, as satisfactory as could have been expected. During its entire history, the annual total average of salaries paid to teachers has not exceeded \$2,500. The institution

now possesses, in real estate and buildings, property to the amount of \$40,000, and has \$15,000 towards an endowment fund. All its liabilities exist in the shape of scholarship demands for tuition in the solid branches of instruction. The amount of these is comparatively large. Aside from these the institution is entirely free from debt. The annual exhibit of the board of Trustees, as submitted to this Conference, shows its aggregate receipts the past year to have been \$5,427.90, and its total expenditures \$5,225.92, leaving a balance of receipts unexpended of \$201.98. At the present time its management is such as to commend it, without qualification, to the confidence of every member and friend of the church. Its number of students the past year was three hundred and forty-one, one hundred and ninety-six of whom were ladies. Thirteen of these graduated to the full honors of the institution, making the aggregate number of graduates since the organization of the collegiate department eighty-nine. The Faculty of the institution remains the same, and may be properly characterized as laborious and harmonious.

Though the institution is now highly prosperous, yet it is painfully evident that without speedy and liberal help its operations must soon be seriously crippled, if not brought to an inglorious close. The annual income from \$15,000 will, by no means, defray the annual expenses of the institution, yet this is the extent of its endowment. Its receipts, aside from this income, and from the collection of notes of an uncertain character, and from fluctuating sources, such as the avails of tuition in the ornamental branches, and from rents of buildings and rooms, are liable to a continuous annual diminution. Every effort has been made, by those having the institution in charge to perpetuate its prosperity, but the true state of the case warrants us in saying that something more is imperatively demanded than temporary measures of relief.

In view of the whole, the Trustees have come to the conclusion that the true method of meeting the wants of the institution and placing it on a permanent basis is to procure all the privileges of a full college charter, so as to graduate gentlemen as well as ladies—to make the institution a college in the full sense of the term, and on this basis ask the friends of education to come forward and contribute for its ample endowment. In this movement they have been seconded by some of the most intelligent and wealthy laymen of the church, assembled in convention together with ministers, on the 12th of June last. That convention appointed a committee, consisting of Elijah H. Pilcher, W. M. McConnell, John Owen, J. W. Hulin, S. W. Walker, and George Smith, to lay the proposed plan before the two Annual Conferences of the church in this State, and ask their approval and hearty co-operation. Your committee have given their prayerful attention to the whole subject, and fully endorse the main idea of the proposal, and now recommend the plan of the Trustees and convention to the favorable consideration of the Conference. The following reasons, among others, are submitted as sustaining the resolve of the Trustees, unanimously approved by the convention :

It would give the institution a position that would relieve it at once from all competition with the Union Schools of the State, which now afford very good facilities for preparatory training and instruction.

It would give our church its proper position among other denominations who have their own chartered colleges, and enable us to graduate our sons as well as daughters in an institution fully in sympathy with our own doctrines and usages, thus retaining them, in all probability, in the service for life of the church of their fathers.

A complete college course of instruction could be taught at a comparatively small expense in addition to what is requisite to teach the partial course as now constituted.

It is the firm conviction of the friends of the institution that, upon such a basis of operations, liberal contributions for an endowment could be obtained, and upon no other.

The Methodist Church in Michigan possesses abundant wealth that could be spared for this purpose, nor are our people wanting in liberality. Let our wealthy laymen see the magnitude of the interests involved, and become thoroughly conscious that the permanent well-being and prosperity of Methodism are intimately connected with its own proper educational mission and enterprise, and it must not be questioned that they would largely and cheerfully invest their means in the ample endowment of a noble Methodist College. The aggregate number of Methodist ministers in the State is *two hundred and seventy-four*; the membership of the church foots up to *thirty-two thousand six hundred and four*.

With such an array of Methodist force it becomes us to do great things for God and His church. May we not be found recreant to our trusts.

Your committee submit for the action of the Conference the resolutions following :

Resolved, 1. That as ministers of the Gospel we will cherish in our hearts the sacred cause of education, and give increased attention to its various interests in our respective fields of labor.

Resolved, 2. That we hereby approve of the plan devised by the Trustees of the Wesleyan Seminary and Albion Female Collegiate Institute, and endorsed by a convention of ministers and laymen on the 12th of June last, for elevating the institution to the rank of a college and procuring its endowment ; and that we will co-operate with the authorities of the institution in every way practicable in securing so desirable an object.

Resolved, 3. That instead of appointing an endowment agent to operate within the bounds of this Conference, we leave it with the Board of Trustees to devise all necessary details for carrying out the plan of endowment.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

THOS C. GARDNER.
WM. MAHON.
J. H. BURNHAM.

Report of the Board of Visitors to the Albion Female College and Wesleyan Seminary.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN.—The undersigned, appointed by your body and the Michigan Conference, as a Board of Visitors to the Albion Female College and Wesleyan Seminary, beg leave to present the following report :

We, as a part of your committee, were present at the commencement exercises of the institution in June last, and also at a portion of the examinations in the several classes. We were highly gratified with the evidences of capacity, diligence, and

scholarship exhibited by the several classes, and the ability and thoroughness of the board of instruction in the several departments. The students generally gave ample evidence that they understood, not only the text-books, but the subjects treated of therein, and that, by a thorough mastery of the principles of science, they were qualifying themselves for usefulness and distinction in the active duties of life. Among so much that was good it would seem invidious to discriminate; we would, however, mention as especially gratifying, the examinations in the department of mental and moral science, natural science, and the languages; we refer also with pleasure to the beautiful paintings and drawings which decorated the college chapel, giving ample evidence that the preceptress was well qualified to teach in her department of the fine arts, and has pupils whose ability to learn was demonstrated; while the rich strains of music given forth by the piano gave delightful evidence that the department of music was under the care of one who touched the keys with a master's hand.

The commencement exercises were planned upon a large scale, and held in a magnificent show tent, procured for the occasion, and were witnessed by thousands of persons coming from every quarter of the State.

The literary performances of the graduating class were of a high order, indicating superior talent and improvement, and affording satisfaction and pleasure to the large and appreciative audience.

We cannot forbear calling your attention to the evidences afforded us of the firmness and mildness with which the government of the institution is administered, in the respectful deference and affectionate regard exhibited between the Faculty and the students; giving the best possible demonstration that the reins were held by the hands of a parent, and obeyed by the hearts of children.

In conclusion, we earnestly and heartily commend this college and seminary to the patronizing Conferences, and to our friends generally throughout the State as thorough in its government.

Its fine central location, in the midst of thriving villages and fertile farms, with a salubrious climate, and increasing facilities to reach it, must make it a favorite resort for educational purposes.

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| I. COGSWELL, | } <i>Visitors.</i> |
| S. P. WARNER, | |
| R. R. RICHARDS, | |

Trustees of the Albion Female College and Wesleyan Seminary, Elected during the present Session of the Conference.

REV. ELIJAH H. PILCHER,

REV. MANASSEH HICKEY.

Board of Visitors to the Albion Female College and Wesleyan Seminary.

REV. D. C. JACOKES,

REV. J. M. ARNOLD.

REV. HIRAM HOOD,

PROF. A. WINCHELL,

HENRY FISH, Esq.

Board of Visitors to the Michigan Female College at Lansing.

REV. SETH REED,

REV. JOHN RUSSELL,

REV. OREN WHITMORE.

IV. MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

Officers of Conference Missionary Society.

President—REV. SETH REED,
Secretary—S. P. WARNER,

Vice-President—REV. J. O. BANCROFT,
Treasurer—J. C. YORK,

MANAGERS:

REV. D. C. JACOKES.
 REV. A. ALLEN,

REV. J. S. SUTTON,
 REV. E. R. HASCALL,

REV. O. SANBORN,
 REV. T. WAKELIN.

To Preach the Missionary Sermon at the next Conference.

REV. T. C. GARDNER ; *Alternate*, REV. T. J. JOSLIN.

Treasurer's Annual Report.

The Detroit Conference Missionary Society in account with W. G. Stoner, Tr.:

DETROIT DISTRICT.

Woodward Avenue Church—S. Reed, \$535.75. Of this amount \$150 was contributed by six members of the church to constitute John Owen a Life Director of the Missionary Society; \$150 was contributed by John Owen to constitute Dr. E. Thomson Life Director; \$21.40 was contributed by the Sabbath School to constitute Robert Fox and Mrs. Esther Taylor life members of the Detroit Conference Missionary Society. J. S. Vernor, S. A. Kean, L. J. Staples, Silas Farmer, and J. H. Farmer were made life members of the Conference Missionary Society.

Congress Street Church—F. A. Blades, \$67.50.

Lafayette Street Church—D. C. Jacokes, \$21.74.

Walnut Street Church—A. Edwards, Jr., \$16.50.

Lee Chapel—T. Wakelin, \$17.25. At this charge last year Misses Sarah ——— and Sturritt were constituted life members of the Conference Missionary Society.

Trenton—Wm. Benson, \$54.00.

Flat Rock—J. J. Gridley, \$43.2.

Wayne—W. C. Way, \$16.25.

Bellville and Sheldon—J. Levington, cash \$23.00; goods forwarded \$121.11.

Farmington—R. McConnell, \$25.00. Of this amount \$20.00 is to constitute W. C. Smith life member of Conference Missionary Society.

Commerce—J. Webster, \$40.00.

Pontiac—J. Russell, \$23.00,

Plymouth—J. W. Kellogg, \$11.00.

Northville—G. I. Betts, \$14.50.

Birmingham—B. H. Hedger, \$33.97.

ANN ARBOR DISTRICT.

Ann Arbor City—W. H. Perrine, \$75.00; paid by E. H. Pilcher for G. T. Mann, \$2.00.

Ann Arbor and Dixborough—Geo. Taylor, \$8.50.

Ipsilanti—R. R. Richards, \$104.00.

Oakville—J. W. Holt, \$17.50. Mrs. C. C. Holt constituted life member of Conference Missionary Society.

Augusta—T. C. Higgins, \$27.04. Jennie Pearson and Belinda Dansingburgh constituted life members of Conference Missionary Society.

Unadilla—J. G. Whitcomb, \$13.42. Miss E. Kern constituted life member of Conference Missionary Society.

Henrietta—B. L. Deshetler, \$4.79.

South Lyons—W. Birdsall, \$95.88.

Milford—W. M. Hevener, \$20.00.

Brighton—J. Dobbins, \$18.00.

Pinckney—I. W. Donelson, \$11.25.

Dexter—J. M. Arnold, \$50.00; goods forwarded \$45.00. Total \$95.00.

Chelsea and Francisco—M. Hickey, \$105.80.

Saline—O. Whitmore, \$19.00.

Grass Lake—P. O. Johnson, \$45.40.

ADRIAN DISTRICT.

Adrian—B. Cocker, \$124.00; remitted to New York, \$100.00. Total, \$224.00.

Tecumseh—W. E. Eigelow, \$56.25.

Manchester—C. M. Anderson, \$62.00.

Napoleon—H. Carlton, \$11.50.

Franklin—J. B. Varnum, \$33.00.

Rome—E. H. Brockway, \$60.20.

Hudson—A. R. Bartlett, \$60.55. \$2.00 of this amount was given by J. H. Carlton for Indian Missions.

Medina—D. A. Curtis, \$69.00. Isaac Delino constituted life member of Conference Missionary Society.

Morenci—J. Wesley, \$66.17. Also \$10.00 from Rev. J. Blanchard to constitute Nellie Blanchard life member of the Conference Missionary Society.

Palmira and Blissfield—W. Q. Burnett, \$25.00 and gold pin.

Monroe—J. H. Burnham, \$8.00.

Petersburgh—E. Steele, \$23.40.

Dundee—G. W. Lowe, \$6.00.

Ridgeway—W. Donnelly, \$105.00, and watch key valued at \$2.00.

OWOSSO DISTRICT.

Corunna—E. E. Caster, \$3.00.

Bennington—S. W. Wooster, \$3.50.

Byron—E. B. Prindle, \$7.70.

Fremont and Newburgh—J. W. Crippen, \$5.00.

Oak Grove—J. H. Caster, \$2.83.

Fentonville—Wm. Taylor, \$16.28. Mrs. J. B. Sodon constituted life member of Conference Missionary Society.

Hartland—C. Mosher, \$20.00.

Howell—E. R. Hascall, \$40.28.

Fowlerville—S. P. Lee, \$10.00.

Middlebury—W. M. Triggs, \$10.00.

FLINT DISTRICT.

Flint—J. A. Baughman, \$52.00.

South Flint—Thomas Seeley, \$60.00.

- Flushing*—A. J. Bigelow, \$5.00.
Genesee—R. H. Crane, \$5.00.
East Saginaw—H. N. Brown, \$3.30.
Saginaw City—W. Fox, \$3.20.
Bay City—E. Klumph, \$14.00. Wm. Underwood to be constituted life member of Conference Society.
Tuscola and Watrousville—J. O. Bancroft, \$15.32. Miss Elizabeth Bancroft constituted life member of Conference Missionary Society. Of this amount \$10.00 was contributed by Rev. J. O. Bancroft.
Hadley—W. Mothersill, \$11.63.
Goodrich—H. Hood, \$21.25.
Clarkston—G. G. Belknap, \$12.60.
Holly—J. Crawford, \$10.25.
Grand Blanc—J. S. Sutton, \$40.00.

ROMEO DISTRICT.

- Romeo*—W. Mahon, (applied to Capac,) \$20.00, cash \$11.31. Total 31.31
Utica—\$15.77. Rev. Richard Wright constituted life member of Conference Society.
Stoney Creek—L. Mitchell, \$1.00.
Washington—B. F. Pritchard, \$14.00.
Oakland—J. R. Noble, \$17.25.
Oxford—S. Bessy, \$31.00.
Lapeer—W. G. Stonex, \$30.00, appropriated to N. Branch Mission.
Almont—A. Minnis, (appropriated to Lathropville Mission,) \$8.40, cash \$29.14. Total, \$37.54.
Dryden—A. Gee, cash 75 cents; goods \$1.00; appropriated \$2.29. Total \$3.04.
Armada—R. C. Crane, \$23.38.
Chesterfield—S. E. Warren, \$18.00.
Capach—L. S. Tedman, \$5.15.

PORT HURON DISTRICT.

- Port Huron*—S. Clements, Jr., \$20.47.
Vicksburgh—W. Tuttle, \$7.00.
St. Clair—T. J. Joslin, \$6.00.
Algonac—O. Sanborn, \$10.00.
Memphis—S. P. Warner, \$18.02. Emily Sutton constituted life member of Conference Missionary Society.
Mill Creek—I H. Camburn, \$4.95.
Ruby—J. G. Kern, \$6.00.
Lake Port—S. S. Littlefield, \$2.23—appropriated 85 cents.
Sanilac and Forester—T. G. Potter, \$15.00. Mrs. Deborah Leighton constituted life member of Conference Missionary Society.
Willow Creek—S. Bird, \$10.00.
Forestville—J. R. Corden, \$2.00.

LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT.

Marquette—F. W. May. Forwarded \$80.00. Cash, \$30—total, \$110.00.

Kewauwenon—A. C. Shaw, \$7.00.

Minnesota Mine—H. O. Parker, \$34.86.

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

| | | |
|--|-------------------|------------|
| <i>Detroit District.</i> Cash, - - - - - | \$903 78 | |
| Money and goods applied - - - - - | 121 11 | |
| | <u> </u> | \$1,024 89 |
| <i>Ann Arbor District.</i> Cash, - - - - - | \$617 58 | |
| Money and goods applied, - - - - - | 45 00 | |
| | <u> </u> | 662 58 |
| <i>Adrian District.</i> Cash, - - - - - | \$688 46 | |
| Money and goods applied, - - - - - | 131 59 | |
| | <u> </u> | 820 05 |
| <i>Owosso District.</i> Cash, - - - - - | | 118 59 |
| <i>Flint District.</i> Cash, - - - - - | | 253 55 |
| <i>Romeo District.</i> Cash, - - - - - | \$166 75 | |
| Money and goods applied, - - - - - | 60 69 | |
| | <u> </u> | 227 44 |
| <i>Port Huron District.</i> Cash, - - - - - | \$101 67 | |
| Money and goods applied, - - - - - | 35 00 | |
| | <u> </u> | 151 86 |
| <i>Lake Superior District.</i> Cash, - - - - - | \$71 86 | |
| Money and goods applied, - - - - - | 80 00 | |
| | <u> </u> | 151 86 |

AGGREGATE CREDIT.

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|---|-------------------|
| By cash from appointments, - - - - - | \$2,922 24 |
| Money and goods applied, - - - - - | 523 39 |
| Received from Charles Lee, - - - - - | 50 00 |
| “ for China Mission, - - - - - | 93 18 |
| Annual and Public Missionary collections, - - - - - | 71 49 |
| Refunded by A. C. Shaw, - - - - - | 7 00 |
| Notes and cash in Treasury, - - - - - | 49 25 |
| | <u> </u> |
| | \$3,716 55 |

AGGREGATE DEBT.

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|---|-------------------|
| Paid to Carlton & Porter, - - - - - | \$2,499 40 |
| Missionary Drafts, - - - - - | 568 75 |
| Money and goods applied, - - - - - | 523 39 |
| Expense of exchanges and worthless bills, - - - - - | 25 76 |
| Publication of Minutes, - - - - - | 50 00 |
| Notes and cash in Treasury, - - - - - | 49 25 |
| | <u> </u> |
| | \$3,716 55 |

W. G. STONEX, *Treasurer.*

NOTE.—The Treasurer would here state that he has been compelled to deviate from the usual form of setting out at length the names of those constituted life members of the Missionary Societies. These may hereafter be given in one of our periodicals.

V. FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Steward's Report.

| STATIONS. | NAMES. | Claims. | Receipts. | Deficits. | Fifth Col- ection. |
|------------------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------|
| DETROIT DISTRICT,..... | J. S. Davidson,.... | 700 00 | 676 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Woodward Avenue,.... | S. Reed,..... | 1000 00 | 1000 00 | ..... | 54 50 |
| Congress Street,..... | F. A. Blades,..... | 800 00 | 800 00 | ..... | 16 00 |
| Rivard Street,..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Lafayette Street,..... | D. C. Jacokes,.... | 1000 00 | 1000 00 | ..... | 5 00 |
| Walnut Street,..... | A. Edwards,..... | 500 00 | 283 00 | ..... | 6 10 |
| Lee Chapel,..... | T. Wakelin,..... | 390 00 | 390 00 | ..... | 54 50 |
| Trenton,..... | Wm. Benson,..... | 500 00 | 500 00 | ..... | 10 00 |
| Flat Rock,..... | J. J. Gridley,.... | 500 00 | 279 70 | ..... | 5 06 |
| Wayne,..... | W. C. Way,..... | 500 00 | 500 00 | ..... | 13 19 |
| Bellville,..... | J. Leverington,.... | 514 00 | 514 00 | ..... | 24 50 |
| Farmington,..... | R. McConnell,.... | 400 00 | 400 00 | ..... | 6 00 |
| ..... | T. Stocker,..... | 400 00 | 400 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Commerce,..... | J. Webster,..... | 400 00 | 400 00 | ..... | 2 00 |
| Pontiac,..... | J. Russell,..... | 600 00 | 600 00 | ..... | 7 68 |
| Plymouth,..... | J. W. Kellogg,.... | 516 00 | 516 00 | ..... | 4 00 |
| Northville,..... | G. I. Betts,..... | 500 00 | 450 00 | ..... | 4 54 |
| Birmingham,..... | B. H. Hedger,.... | 509 00 | 509 00 | ..... | 11 00 |
| | Total,..... | \$9729 00 | \$9217 79 | \$511 21 | 224 05 |
| ANN ARBOR DISTRICT,... | G. Smith,..... | 750 00 | 750 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Ann Arbor City,..... | W. H. Perrine,.... | 600 00 | 600 00 | ..... | 4 92 |
| Dixborough,..... | G. Taylor,..... | 500 00 | 500 00 | ..... | 5 00 |
| Ypsilanti,..... | R. R. Richards,.... | 700 00 | 700 00 | ..... | 13 90 |
| Oakville,..... | J. W. Holt,..... | 425 00 | 380 00 | ..... | 5 00 |
| Angusta,..... | T. C. Higgins,.... | 406 00 | 406 00 | ..... | 6 00 |
| Pinckney,..... | J. W. Donnelson,... | 400 00 | 373 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Dexter,..... | J. M. Arnold,..... | 550 00 | 550 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Chelsea,..... | M. Hickey,..... | 550 00 | 550 00 | ..... | 6 81 |
| Francisco,..... | B. S. Taylor,..... | 400 00 | 400 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Unadilla,..... | J. G. Whitecomb,... | 425 00 | 320 00 | ..... | 2 00 |
| Henrietta,..... | B. L. Deshetler,.... | 375 00 | 375 00 | ..... | 2 00 |
| South Lyons,..... | W. Birdsall,..... | 447 00 | 447 00 | ..... | 10 45 |
| ..... | S. L. Ramsdell,.... | 200 00 | 200 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Milford,..... | W. M. Herver,.... | 400 00 | 308 00 | ..... | 1 00 |
| Brighton,..... | J. Dobbins,..... | 400 00 | 340 00 | ..... | 3 50 |
| Saline,..... | O. Whitmore,..... | 475 00 | 475 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Grass Lake,..... | P. O. Johnson,.... | 530 00 | 530 00 | ..... | 1 50 |
| A. A. B. S.,..... | T. C. Gardner,.... | 800 00 | 800 00 | ..... | ..... |
| North Lake,..... | N. A. Frazer,..... | 311 00 | 311 00 | ..... | 12 06 |
| | Total,..... | \$9644 00 | \$9315 00 | \$329 00 | \$74 98 |
| ADRIAN DISTRICT,..... | J. Blanchard,..... | \$600 00 | \$570 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Adrian,..... | B. Cocker,..... | 720 00 | 720 00 | ..... | \$20 30 |
| Tecumseh,..... | W. E. Bigelow,.... | 500 00 | 500 00 | ..... | 6 05 |
| Clinton,..... | S. C. Stringham,... | 527 00 | 160 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Manchester,..... | C. M. Anderson,.... | 500 00 | 500 00 | ..... | 12 00 |
| Napoleon,..... | H. Carlton,..... | 450 00 | 450 00 | ..... | 10 50 |
| Franklin,..... | J. B. Varnum,..... | 325 00 | 325 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Rome,..... | E. H. Brockway,.... | 347 00 | 347 00 | ..... | 6 87 |
| Hudson,..... | A. R. Bartlett,.... | 500 00 | 500 00 | ..... | 10 00 |
| Medina,..... | D. A. Curtis,..... | 400 00 | 400 00 | ..... | 8 50 |
| Morenci,..... | J. Wesley,..... | 500 00 | 500 00 | ..... | 8 54 |

| STATIONS. | NAMES. | Claims. | Receipts. | Deficits. | Fifth Col- lection. |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|
| Palmira,..... | W. Q. Burnett,.... | 436 00 | 256 00 | ..... | 6 00 |
| Bedford,..... | A. J. Black,..... | 440 00 | 300 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Monroe,..... | J. H. Burnham,.... | 533 00 | 533 00 | ..... | 6 00 |
| Petersburgh,..... | E. Steele,..... | 378 00 | 311 47 | ..... | 4 03 |
| Dundee,..... | G. W. Lowe,..... | 350 00 | 281 58 | ..... | ..... |
| Ridgeway,..... | Wm. Donnelly,.... | 550 00 | 550 00 | ..... | 14 50 |
| | Total,..... | \$8056 00 | \$7204 05 | \$851 95 | 113 29 |
| Owosso District,..... | F. W. Warren,.... | \$500 00 | \$490 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Owosso,..... | J. Armstrong,.... | 315 00 | 315 00 | ..... | \$2 15 |
| Corunna,..... | E. E. Caster,.... | 300 00 | 225 00 | ..... | 3 00 |
| Bennington,..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Perry,..... | L. H. Dean,..... | 340 00 | 315 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Byron,..... | E. B. Prindle,.... | 400 00 | 400 00 | ..... | 2 83 |
| Fremont,..... | J. W. Crippen,.... | 320 00 | 180 00 | ..... | 1 60 |
| Oak Grove,..... | J. H. Caster,.... | 350 00 | 350 00 | ..... | 5 50 |
| Linden,..... | O. H. P. Green,.... | 275 00 | 203 00 | ..... | 4 50 |
| Fentonville,..... | W. Taylor,..... | 475 00 | 319 00 | ..... | 2 42 |
| Hartland,..... | C. Mosher,..... | 220 00 | 220 00 | ..... | 5 39 |
| | J. Kilpatrick,.... | 360 00 | 270 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Howell,..... | E. R. Hascall,.... | 450 00 | 450 00 | ..... | 10 63 |
| Fowlerville,..... | S. P. Lee,..... | 350 00 | 300 00 | ..... | ..... |
| | D. W. Hammond,... | 125 00 | 125 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Ingham,..... | J. B. Russell,.... | 350 00 | 215 45 | ..... | ..... |
| Williamston,..... | E. Wright,..... | 300 00 | 175 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Middlebury,..... | W. M. Triggs,.... | 300 00 | 158 00 | ..... | 2 00 |
| New Haven,..... | S. Wilkinson,.... | 200 00 | 150 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Chessening,..... | F. Britton,..... | 400 00 | 30 00 | ..... | ..... |
| | Total,..... | \$6370 00 | \$4890 45 | \$1479 55 | \$39 42 |
| FLINT DISTRICT,..... | J. S. Smart,..... | \$800 00 | \$700 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Flint,..... | J. A. Baughman,... | 600 00 | 600 00 | ..... | 8 00 |
| S. Flint,..... | T. Seely,..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 6 15 |
| Flushing,..... | A. J. Bigelow,.... | 417 00 | 370 00 | ..... | 4 50 |
| Genesee,..... | R. H. Crane,..... | 350 00 | 350 00 | ..... | 3 00 |
| East Saginaw,..... | H. N. Brown,.... | 500 00 | 500 00 | ..... | 3 15 |
| Saginaw City,..... | W. Fox,..... | 524 00 | 524 00 | ..... | 5 00 |
| Midland,..... | A. Herriek,..... | 430 00 | 300 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Bay City,..... | E. Klump,..... | 434 00 | 335 00 | ..... | 3 07 |
| Tuscola,..... | J. O. Bancroft,.... | 550 00 | 400 25 | ..... | ..... |
| | M. S. Leet,..... | 200 00 | 148 94 | ..... | ..... |
| Forest,..... | R. Johnson,..... | 350 00 | 182 00 | ..... | 2 20 |
| Hadley,..... | W. Mothersill,.... | 408 00 | 315 00 | ..... | 3 53 |
| Goodrich,..... | H. Hood,..... | 405 00 | 405 00 | ..... | 5 00 |
| Holly,..... | I. Crawford,.... | 470 00 | 470 00 | ..... | 3 35 |
| Grand Blanc,..... | J. S. Sutton,.... | 430 00 | 412 45 | ..... | 10 50 |
| Clarkston,..... | G. N. Belknap,.... | 440 00 | 440 00 | ..... | 6 50 |
| | Total,..... | \$7308 00 | \$6451 64 | \$856 36 | \$63 95 |
| ROMEO DISTRICT,..... | S. Calkins,..... | \$500 00 | \$411 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Romeo,..... | Wm. Mahon,..... | 600 00 | 600 00 | ..... | \$12 57 |
| Mount Clemens,..... | D. B. Tracy,..... | 410 00 | 410 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Utica,..... | Wm. McKeeby,.... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |

| STATIONS. | NAMES. | Claims. | Receipts. | Deficit. | Fifth Col- lection. |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|
| Stoney Creek,..... | L. Mitchell,..... | 380 00 | 200 00 | ..... | 1 57 |
| Washington,..... | B. F. Pritchard,..... | 450 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Oakland,..... | J. R. Noble,..... | 500 00 | 475 00 | ..... | 4 00 |
| Oxford,..... | S. Bessy,..... | 450 00 | 328 41 | ..... | 6 32 |
| Lapeer,..... | W. G. Stonex,..... | 450 00 | 450 00 | ..... | 2 20 |
| North Branch,..... | S. P. Vandoozer,..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Almont,..... | A. Minnis,..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 7 20 |
| Dryden,..... | A. Gee,..... | 344 00 | 291 50 | ..... | 1 00 |
| Armada,..... | R. C. Crane,..... | 470 00 | 317 00 | ..... | 4 16 |
| Chesterfield,..... | S. E. Warren,..... | 458 00 | 458 00 | ..... | 1 70 |
| Capach,..... | L. S. Tedman,..... | 328 00 | 154 00 | ..... | ..... |
| | Total,..... | \$5340 00 | \$4094 94 | \$1245 06 | \$40 52 |
| PORT HURON DISTRICT, | E. H. Pileher,..... | \$700 00 | \$625 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Port Huron..... | S. Clements, Jr.,..... | 650 00 | 650 00 | ..... | \$30 40 |
| Vicksburgh,..... | Wm. Tuttle,..... | 386 00 | 180 00 | ..... | 3 00 |
| St. Clair,..... | T. J. Joslin,..... | 500 00 | 500 00 | ..... | 2 00 |
| Algonac,..... | O. Sanburn,..... | 466 00 | 466 00 | ..... | 8 60 |
| Newport,..... | R. S. Pardington,..... | 275 00 | 275 00 | ..... | 4 30 |
| Memphis,..... | S. P. Warner,..... | 535 00 | 500 00 | ..... | 6 55 |
| Columbus,..... | G. W. Owen,..... | 350 00 | 350 00 | ..... | 1 25 |
| Elk Creek,..... | L. Barry,..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Mill Ceeek,..... | J. H. Camburn,..... | 375 00 | 375 00 | ..... | 1 80 |
| Ruby,..... | J. G. Kern,..... | 432 00 | 432 00 | ..... | 15 00 |
| Lakeport,..... | S. S. Littlefield,..... | 400 00 | 300 00 | ..... | 5 00 |
| Sanilac,..... | T. G. Potter,..... | 400 00 | 390 00 | ..... | 5 00 |
| Lexington,..... | A. Allen,..... | 456 00 | 326 00 | ..... | 1 60 |
| Willow Creek,..... | S. Bird,..... | 425 00 | 425 00 | ..... | 2 00 |
| Forrestville,..... | J. R. Corden,..... | 200 00 | 120 00 | ..... | 2 00 |
| Thunder Bay River,..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | Total,..... | \$6550 00 | \$5914 00 | \$636 00 | \$87 90 |
| L. SUPERIOR DISTRICT, | A. C. Shaw,..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Saut Ste. Marie,..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Shawville,..... | P. Marksman,..... | \$450 00 | \$450 00 | ..... | ..... |
| | Elliot,..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Marquette,..... | F. W. May,..... | 600 00 | 600 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Kewawenon,..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Copper Harbor,..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Cliff Mine,..... | S. P. Murch,..... | 550 00 | 550 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Ontonagon,..... | L. C. York,..... | 600 00 | 240 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Minnesota Mine,..... | H. O. Parker,..... | 700 00 | 700 00 | ..... | 13 00 |
| Houghton,..... | R. Bird,..... | 600 00 | 600 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Baydenoquette,..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | Total,..... | \$3500 00 | \$3140 00 | \$360 00 | \$13 00 |
| SUPERIOR CITY DISTRICT, | J. Pugh,..... | \$450 00 | \$350 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Bayfield,..... | W. C. Shaw,..... | 423 00 | 194 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Oneota,..... | J. Peet,..... | 450 00 | 270 00 | ..... | ..... |
| | Total,..... | \$1323 00 | \$814 00 | \$729 00 | ..... |

Estimate for Conference Claimants, and its Apportionment to the Several Districts.

Estimated amount necessary for Conference claimants the present
year, - - - - - \$2,000 00

APPORTIONED.

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| To Detroit District, - - - - - | \$450 |
| " Ann Arbor District, - - - - - | 450 |
| " Adrian District, - - - - - | 450 |
| " Owosso District, - - - - - | 100 |
| " Flint District, - - - - - | 150 |
| " Romeo District, - - - - - | 200 |
| " Port Huron District, - - - - - | 150 |
| " Lake Superior District, - - - - - | 50 |
| — \$2,000 00 | |

Report of the Committee on Finance and Financial Plan Adopted by the Conference.

The Committee appointed at the last Conference to revise the financial plan for the management of the affairs of preachers and the church, submitted the following

REPORT:

"That the necessity for a suitable and complete support for the ministry is so obvious that it need not be argued. The only question with the body of our people and ministry is: 'How is this to be secured?' The General Conference has clothed the Annual Conferences with authority to make all needful specific rules and regulations on this subject. This Conference, from the first, has had a financial plan that, in its main features, has worked well where adopted. In order to adopt this plan to the recent provisions of the General Conference and our present circumstances is, as we conceive it to be, the design of the appointment of your Committee. In presenting the following, we have followed, as nearly as may be, the former plan, because it has worked well, and our people are familiar with its provisions. The success of any measure, however good its provisions, depends much upon the heartiness and unanimity with which it is adopted.

"We congratulate ourselves that our finances are in an improving condition; a great majority of the charges, in some form or other, affording a comfortable support for their ministers. Where this is not the case, it is usually found in some of the causes following, which we note, and their remedy:

"1. The want of attention to the system on the part of the officers to whom this duty is entrusted. The remedy here is reform or removal. Of officers, either have better, or none, and then the preacher can come directly before the people and ask for his support.

"2. It is sometimes claimed by the officers of the church, that the members when called upon neglect or refuse to pay. This is sometimes induced by the want of proper pastoral labor. Where this is the case the preacher should make haste and amend. Where this inattention exists in any charge to any considerable extent, it embarrasses, seriously, the finances. Such delinquents are usually

delinquents on many other subjects, and the pastor is sadly deficient in his duty if they are permitted to remain in the church for any great length of time unless they amend.

"3. At times, and in certain parts of the Conference, there is a real inability to pay the full or any considerable part of the claims, involving, necessarily, sacrifices, and sometimes suffering on the part of the preacher and his family. There is no remedy for this in the absence of missionary appropriations, but to patiently suffer the will of God for a while, and the free interchange of preachers, by the Bishop, from one part of the Conference to another — none refusing to suffer if his brethren are ready and willing to sympathize and suffer with him.

"4. Another disturbing element is found in the fact that ministers, either of commanding abilities or financial skill, fully confident of their ability to obtain a competent support, neglect to carry into effect the detail of the Conference plan, and either ignore all plans or introduce one of their own. The result is, that their support is obtained, perhaps, but, when their successor comes on, he finds the charge without system, or operating upon one with which he is not at all familiar. His support suffers in consequence, and he suffers in comparison with his eminently successful predecessor. The remedy is, that ministers should feel that their abilities should be made to contribute to the public good, as well as their individual interests.

"5. Another is the indolence or inefficiency of the preacher. The only remedy is amendment or suffering ; for all the plans in the world will not help the cause. 'He that will not work neither shall he eat.'

"We cannot succeed permanently until our members are thoroughly impressed with the fact that the entire financial responsibility of the church is with them, and not the ministry. Then, with some well digested plan, uniform in its adoption, the support of the ministry will not depend upon so many contingencies. Many charges that feel the responsibility of the support of the preacher, are much more anxious to secure popular ability to aid in their finances than in the spiritual welfare of the church.

"A source of encouragement to our people, and of information to others, would be a full and faithful report, spread upon our annual minutes, of all the contributions (of whatever character) made for the support of the preachers in the different charges, which our minutes, at present, do not show — thereby creating the impression that our annual supplies are much more meagre than they really are. We refer to one particular : a fair cash value for the use of a parsonage is as really a contribution for the support of a preacher, as though so much money was raised and paid for the rent of a house. The minutes should show this, which should act as a powerful stimulus to our members to build preachers' houses.

"We herewith submit the following plan, and affectionately advise our preachers and members to see that it is carried into effect :

"I. MAKING ALLOWANCES.

"It shall be the duty of the estimating committee provided for in the Discipline (page 55) to meet on the third Friday after the close of the session of the Annual Conference, at 1 P. M., at the place designated by the last Quarterly Conference of the preceding year, and proceed to estimate the amount

necessary for the support of the preachers, as required by the Discipline. We would recommend that the Stewards and Leaders meet at the same time and place, or as soon thereafter as practicable, the Preacher in charge acting as chairman, or, in his absence, one of the Stewards, to be chosen by the official members present; and after ascertaining the probable amount of traveling expenses, house rent, and other expenses necessary to be embraced in the general estimate, the Stewards and Leaders then present shall apportion the whole amount necessary to be raised to the different classes on the charge, as may be agreed upon by the official members then present. The whole estimate and apportionment to be submitted to the Quarterly Conference next ensuing for their approval or amendment. The charge shall then be districted among the several Stewards, whose business it shall be, in connection with the Leaders of the districts, to see that the respective amounts be apportioned to the members of the classes of the several districts. After such apportionment is made, then it shall be the duty of the Steward of each district to see, or cause to be seen, each member of the class, and obtain his name to a subscription for the amount apportioned to each, if practicable, and further to circulate such subscription among our friends, not members of the church. Let this be done as far as practicable the first quarter of each year; but, if it should not be done, let the first Quarterly Conference, as far as possible, be required to carry the above arrangement into effect.

“ II. THE COLLECTIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

“ We recommend that, in all the charges—circuits as well as stations—Leaders’ meetings be held once a month, when all that has been paid to the Leaders be reported to the Steward of the district, and this, with the amount collected by him in his district, shall be paid by him to the Treasurer, who shall be a Steward, and elected by the Leaders’ meeting. And in case the preacher receives any sum directly from the members, he shall furnish to the Steward, or Leader having the oversight of the members paying, the amount so paid. And when these several amounts are paid in, then they shall be disbursed to the Preachers by the Stewards, they keeping a proper record of the same in the following order: First, traveling expenses; second, house rent; third, quarterly allowance of the preachers. And until these claims shall be met quarterly, nothing shall be appropriated to other purposes, only with the consent of the preachers.

“ In case no Leaders’ meetings are held, then the duties devolving upon such Leaders’ meetings shall be performed by the Quarterly Conference.

III. REPORTS TO THE QUARTERLY CONFERENCE AND CLASSES.

“ The reports from the different classes shall constitute a part of the business of each Quarterly Conference, under the immediate direction of the Presiding Elder of the District (whose duty it shall be to oversee the temporal interests of his District,) who shall see that the reports are properly made and entered on the Steward’s book. The classes shall each be called in the Quarterly Conference; the amounts collected during the quarter shall be reported and paid over, either by the Leader or Steward, and if there is a deficiency, the cause of that deficiency shall be stated. Each Steward shall be held responsible for proper efforts in his district to the Quarterly Conference. The amounts paid by

class during the quarter, the deficiency, if any, and the cause assigned for such deficiency, shall be reported at the close of the Love Feast ; and each Steward shall see that a report be made in the classes of his district, of the amounts expected from each member, the amount paid and the deficiency, and the different members shall have the privilege of stating the reason of such deficiency. Such report to be made once a year.

“IV. REPORTS TO THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

“We recommend that the preachers report to the Annual Conference after the following order, and the Conference cause the same to be published in the annual minutes after the same order, viz.: First, allowance ; Second, deficiency ; Third, traveling expenses (embracing moving expenses); Fourth, house rent — to embrace the actual amount paid for the preacher's house, or the fair annual rent of one on the charge.

“We submit the following resolutions :

“*Resolved*, 1. That we adopt the foregoing financial plan, and heartily recommend it to the notice of our people, and instruct our official members to adopt it as far as practicable.

“2. That the Presiding Elder of each district, and the preachers in charge, be specifically charged with seeing that the provisions of this plan be introduced in all the charges ; and that they be requested to report to the next Annual Conference in writing any defect, in their judgment, in the practical working of this system or any part thereof.

“3. That where a deficiency exists on a circuit, no provision shall be made to meet that deficiency by the Stewards of the Annual Conference, unless they are satisfied that a proper effort was made by such preacher to introduce the foregoing plan.

“4. That there shall be a standing committee from year to year, liable to be changed by the Annual Conference, to be called the Financial Committee, whose duty it shall be to observe the practical working of this system, mark its defects and the failures to put it in operation, to hear the reports of the preachers, and make such suggestions from time to time to the Annual Conference on this subject as they may deem necessary.”

GEORGE SMITH,
ROBERT BIRD,
ELIJAH H. PILCHER, } *Committee.*

Financial Committee.

GEORGE SMITH.

D. C. JACOKES.

ELIJAH H. PILCHER.

VI. STATISTICS OF DETROIT CONFERENCE FOR 1860.

| CIRCUITS AND STATIONS. | NUMBERS. | | | | BAPT. | | CHURCH PROPERTY. | | | BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS. | | | | | SUNDAY SCHOOLS. | | | | |
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| | Members | Deaths. | Probation'rs | L. Preachers | Adults. | Children. | Churches. | Prob. Value. | Parsonage. | Prob. Value. | For Conf'ce Claimants. | For Mission'y Society. | For Tract Society. | For Bible Society. | For Sunday School Unit'n | Schools. | Officers and Teachers. | Scholars. | Volumes in Library. |
| DETROIT DISTRICT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Woodward Avenue, | 269 | 2 | 20 | 3 | 2 | 14 | 1 | 25000 | --- | --- | 54 50 | 535 75 | --- | 100 00 | --- | 2 | 50 | 352 | 920 |
| Congress Street, | 182 | --- | 10 | 4 | 7 | 10 | 1 | 13000 | --- | --- | 16 00 | 67 00 | --- | 16 00 | 7 63 | 3 | 35 | 450 | 600 |
| Lafayette Street, | 58 | --- | 1 | 3 | --- | --- | 1 | 4000 | 1 | 1000 | --- | 21 74 | --- | --- | --- | 2 | 31 | 218 | 400 |
| Walnut Street, | 30 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 3 | 1 | 1500 | --- | --- | 6 10 | 16 50 | --- | --- | --- | 1 | 20 | 100 | 325 |
| Lee Chapel, | 89 | 2 | 19 | --- | 5 | 14 | 2 | 1600 | --- | --- | 54 50 | 17 25 | 2 56 | --- | --- | 5 | 26 | 160 | 590 |
| Trenton, | 83 | 1 | 16 | 3 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 1200 | 1 | 1000 | 10 90 | 54 00 | --- | 3 00 | --- | 2 | 35 | 200 | 625 |
| Flat Rock, | 253 | 6 | 53 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1400 | 1 | 600 | 5 06 | 4 32 | --- | 11 79 | --- | 7 | 50 | 290 | 790 |
| Belvilic and Sheldon, | 146 | 1 | 30 | 3 | 13 | 14 | 3 | 4300 | 1 | 900 | 24 50 | 144 06 | 2 37 | 11 62 | 2 00 | 4 | 46 | 165 | 900 |
| Wayne, | 238 | 4 | 52 | 1 | 19 | 23 | 3 | 2400 | 1 | 750 | 13 17 | 16 25 | --- | 29 80 | 2 90 | 3 | 35 | 105 | 500 |
| Farmington, | 90 | 2 | 10 | 3 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 3000 | 2 | 800 | 6 00 | 25 00 | --- | 19 93 | 2 50 | 4 | 40 | 190 | 825 |
| Commerce, | 128 | --- | 5 | 2 | --- | --- | 1 | 800 | 1 | 300 | 2 00 | 42 00 | --- | --- | --- | 4 | 33 | 130 | 700 |
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| Plymouth, | 170 | 3 | 15 | --- | 28 | 18 | 3 | 3500 | 1 | 800 | 4 00 | 11 00 | --- | 15 05 | --- | 3 | 38 | 150 | 400 |
| Northville, | 72 | 2 | 30 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1000 | 1 | 450 | 4 54 | 14 50 | --- | 6 13 | 3 35 | 2 | 15 | 110 | 369 |
| Birmingham, | 268 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 20 | 8 | 3 | 2000 | 1 | 300 | 11 00 | 33 97 | --- | 7 21 | --- | 3 | 30 | 185 | 600 |
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| Ann Arbor and Dixboro, | 114 | 2 | 6 | 2 | --- | 1 | 2 | 3000 | --- | --- | 5 00 | 8 50 | 1 00 | --- | 1 00 | 2 | 20 | 115 | 500 |
| Ypsilanti, | 386 | 1 | 20 | 5 | --- | --- | 1 | 7000 | 1 | 2000 | --- | 104 00 | --- | --- | --- | 1 | 21 | 200 | 500 |
| Oakville, | 114 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 1300 | 1 | 200 | 5 00 | 17 00 | --- | --- | --- | 4 | 28 | 166 | 500 |
| Augusta, | 186 | --- | 7 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2800 | 1 | 400 | 6 84 | 27 04 | --- | 6 90 | --- | 2 | 20 | 95 | 300 |
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| Henrietta, | 76 | 1 | 9 | 1 | 7 | 3 | --- | --- | 1 | 538 | 2 00 | 4 79 | --- | --- | --- | 2 | 10 | 39 | 230 |
| South Lyons, | 245 | 4 | 4 | 1 | --- | 1 | 2 | 2000 | 1 | 600 | 10 45 | --- | --- | 30 00 | --- | 2 | 12 | 40 | 650 |
| Milford, | 142 | 2 | 1 | 1 | --- | 4 | 1 | 1200 | --- | --- | --- | 20 00 | --- | 7 00 | 8 00 | 2 | 20 | 100 | 600 |
| Brighton, | 220 | 3 | 19 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 1850 | --- | --- | 3 50 | 18 00 | --- | 4 00 | --- | 4 | 24 | 900 | 230 |
| Pinckney, | 90 | 2 | 3 | --- | 8 | 3 | 1 | 2700 | 1 | 700 | --- | 11 25 | 2 75 | --- | --- | 2 | 20 | 60 | 160 |
| Dexter, | 115 | 1 | 6 | 1 | --- | --- | 1 | 2500 | 1 | 800 | --- | 95 00 | --- | 15 00 | --- | 1 | 15 | 120 | 400 |
| Chelsea and Francisco, | 149 | 3 | 60 | 1 | 10 | --- | 3 | 10000 | 1 | 800 | 6 81 | 105 85 | --- | 7 50 | 2 39 | 3 | 36 | 160 | 435 |
| Saline, | 114 | 1 | 15 | 3 | --- | --- | 1 | 3000 | 1 | 800 | --- | 19 00 | --- | 14 15 | --- | 1 | 12 | 45 | 200 |
| Grass Lake, | 149 | 1 | 3 | --- | --- | --- | 1 | 1000 | 1 | 700 | 1 50 | 45 40 | --- | --- | --- | 1 | 18 | 100 | 350 |
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| Tecumseh, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Clinton, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Manchester, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Napoleon, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Franklin, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Rome, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Hudson, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Medina, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
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| Palmyra and Blissfield, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Bedford, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Monroe, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Petersburgh, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Dundee, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ridgeway, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
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OWOSSO DISTRICT.

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| Corunna, - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Bennington, - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Perry, - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Byron, - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Fremont and Newburg, - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Oak Grove, - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Lindon, - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Fentonville, - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Hartland, - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Howell, - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Fowlerville, - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ingham, - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Williamston, - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Middlebury, - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| New Haven, - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Chessening, - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
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| South Flint, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Flushing, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Genesee, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| East Saginaw, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Saginaw City, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Midland, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Tuscola, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Forrest, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Hadley, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Goodrich, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Clarkston, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Holley, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Grand Blanc, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Bay City, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
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| CIRCUITS AND STATIONS. | NUMBERS. | | | | BAPT. | | CHURCH PROPERTY. | | | BENVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS. | | | | | SUNDAY SCHOOLS. | | | | |
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| | Members. | Deaths. | Probationers. | L. Preachers. | Adults. | Children. | Churches. | Prob. Value. | Parsonage. | Prob. Value. | For Conf'ce Claimants. | For Missy Society. | For Tract Society. | For Bible Society. | For Sunday School Un'n. | Schools. | Officers and Teachers. | Scholars. | Volumes in Library. |
| ROMEO DISTRICT. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Romeo, - | 140 | 2 | 10 | --- | 1 | --- | 1 | 3500 | 1 | 1000 | 11 82 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | 20 | 125 | 400 |
| Mt. Clemens, - | 50 | 1 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | 2000 | 1 | 500 | --- | 50 | --- | --- | --- | 1 | 8 | 60 | 300 |
| Utica, - | 118 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 2 | 1500 | --- | --- | --- | 15 77 | --- | --- | --- | 3 | 26 | 106 | 540 |
| Stony Creek, - | 28 | --- | 43 | 1 | --- | 1 | --- | --- | 1 | 150 | 1 36 | 1 00 | --- | --- | 5 00 | 2 | 14 | 48 | 105 |
| Washington, - | 160 | --- | --- | 5 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2500 | 1 | 500 | --- | 14 00 | --- | 7 03 | --- | 5 | 30 | 200 | 600 |
| Oakland, - | 250 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 1 | --- | 2 | 2000 | --- | --- | 1 00 | 17 25 | --- | --- | --- | 1 | 8 | 60 | 25 |
| Oxford, - | 170 | 2 | 28 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 800 | 1 | 400 | 6 32 | 31 00 | --- | --- | 1 60 | 5 | 38 | 120 | 440 |
| Lapeer, - | 115 | 1 | 6 | --- | 5 | 12 | 2 | 3000 | 1 | 1000 | 2 20 | 30 00 | --- | 40 00 | --- | 2 | 12 | 90 | 525 |
| North Branch, - | 60 | 2 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 5 | --- | --- | 1 | 200 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 6 | 26 | 134 | 728 |
| Almont, - | 140 | --- | --- | 1 | --- | --- | 2 | 1500 | 1 | 400 | 7 20 | 37 54 | --- | --- | --- | 2 | 13 | 53 | 350 |
| Dryden, - | 153 | 4 | 34 | --- | 19 | 10 | 1 | 200 | --- | --- | 1 00 | 4 04 | --- | --- | --- | 4 | 31 | 180 | 400 |
| Armada, - | 160 | 1 | 53 | 4 | 10 | --- | --- | --- | 1 | 300 | 4 16 | 23 88 | --- | --- | 1 50 | 3 | 31 | 100 | 565 |
| Chesterfield, - | 127 | 4 | 2 | --- | 1 | --- | 1 | 1200 | 1 | 500 | 1 70 | 18 00 | --- | --- | --- | 4 | 50 | 180 | 600 |
| Copach, - | 44 | 1 | 13 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 54 | 5 15 | --- | 1 74 | --- | 2 | 18 | 40 | 245 |
| Amount, | 1715 | 21 | 210 | 16 | 48 | 21 | 15 | 18200 | 10 | 4950 | 38 30 | 198 13 | --- | 56 02 | 8 10 | 31 | 325 | 1496 | 5813 |
| PORT HURON DISTRICT. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Port Huron, - | 145 | 1 | 37 | 2 | 16 | 35 | 1 | 6800 | 1 | 2000 | 30 40 | 20 47 | --- | --- | --- | 3 | 61 | 343 | 1246 |
| Vicksburgh, - | 96 | --- | 24 | --- | --- | 10 | 1 | 1200 | --- | --- | 3 00 | 7 00 | --- | --- | --- | 5 | 25 | 125 | 720 |
| St. Clair, - | 96 | --- | 14 | 2 | 20 | 14 | 1 | 2500 | 1 | 800 | 2 00 | 6 00 | --- | 8 55 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Algonac, - | 101 | --- | 26 | --- | 6 | 2 | 1 | 1500 | --- | --- | 8 00 | 10 00 | --- | --- | --- | 3 | 30 | 150 | 300 |
| Newport, - | 49 | 1 | 15 | --- | 4 | 10 | 1 | 2400 | --- | --- | 4 30 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | 26 | 140 | 160 |
| Memphis, - | 212 | 2 | 35 | 2 | 14 | 2 | 2 | 3000 | --- | --- | 6 55 | 18 02 | --- | --- | --- | 4 | 42 | 162 | 358 |
| Columbus, - | 121 | 1 | 60 | 3 | 23 | 4 | 1 | 1500 | 1 | 425 | 1 25 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 6 | 30 | 136 | 350 |
| Elk Creek, - | 17 | --- | 21 | --- | --- | 3 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 4 | 17 | 55 | 142 |
| Mill Creek, - | 47 | --- | 13 | --- | --- | 10 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 79 | 4 95 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Ruby, - | 97 | --- | 32 | 2 | 8 | 6 | --- | --- | 1 | 800 | 15 00 | 6 00 | --- | --- | --- | 6 | 30 | 130 | 600 |
| Lake Port, - | 140 | --- | 22 | 3 | --- | 4 | 1 | 400 | 1 | 300 | 5 00 | 3 08 | --- | --- | --- | 8 | 40 | 306 | 808 |
| Sanilac and Forester, - | 86 | 2 | 43 | 1 | 6 | 7 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 5 00 | 13 50 | --- | --- | --- | 5 | 39 | 200 | 705 |
| Lexington, - | 80 | --- | --- | 1 | 7 | 7 | 1 | 2000 | 1 | 400 | 1 60 | 14 42 | --- | --- | --- | 2 | 28 | 60 | 450 |
| Willow Creek, - | 64 | 2 | 38 | 1 | 5 | --- | --- | --- | 1 | 550 | 2 00 | 10 00 | --- | --- | --- | 4 | 25 | 95 | 400 |
| Forrestville, - | 61 | 2 | 40 | --- | 2 | 5 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 2 00 | 2 00 | --- | --- | --- | 6 | 30 | 128 | 280 |
| Thunder Bay, - | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Amount, | 1412 | 11 | 420 | 17 | 111 | 119 | 10 | 21300 | 7 | 5270 | 87 89 | 115 44 | --- | 8 55 | --- | 57 | 423 | 2530 | 6519 |
| LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Saut Ste. Marie, - | 95 | 1 | 12 | 2 | --- | 6 | 1 | 900 | 1 | 500 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | 6 | 45 | 200 |
| Marquette, - | 55 | --- | 3 | --- | 7 | 2 | 1 | 2000 | 1 | 1000 | --- | 101 00 | --- | 11 00 | --- | 1 | 16 | 50 | 550 |
| Kewaweenaw, - | 80 | 3 | 8 | --- | 10 | 16 | 1 | 600 | 1 | 300 | --- | 7 00 | --- | --- | --- | 1 | 5 | 40 | --- |
| Copper Harbor, - | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Cliff Mine, - | 40 | 1 | 17 | 5 | --- | 42 | 2 | 1500 | 1 | 500 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 2 | 52 | 112 | 538 |
| Ontonagon, - | 8 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | 1 | 1000 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | 4 | 15 | 218 |
| Minnesota Mine, - | 26 | --- | 21 | 1 | --- | 15 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 13 00 | 34 86 | --- | --- | --- | 1 | 41 | 187 | 700 |
| Houghton, - | 40 | --- | 3 | 1 | --- | 20 | 1 | 2100 | 1 | 600 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | 10 | 45 | 300 |
| Amount, | 344 | 5 | 64 | 9 | 17 | 102 | 7 | 8100 | 5 | 2900 | 13 00 | 142 86 | --- | 11 00 | --- | 8 | 134 | 494 | 2506 |

| SUPERIOR CITY DISTRICT. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Bayfield, - | 9 | --- | 2 | 1 | --- | --- | 1 | 200 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | 4 |
| Superior, - | 17 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 4 | 1 | 1800 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Oneota, - | 6 | --- | 1 | --- | --- | 1 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Amount, | 32 | --- | 3 | 1 | --- | 5 | 2 | 2000 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | 10 |

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

| DISTRICTS. | NUMBERS. | | | | BAPT. | | CHURCH PROPERTY. | | | | BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS. | | | | | SUNDAY SCHOOLS. | | | |
|------------------|----------|---------|--------------|---------------|---------|-----------|------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| | Members. | Deaths. | Probation'rs | L. Preachers. | Adults. | Children. | Churches. | Prob. Value. | Parsonages. | Prob. Value. | For Conf'ce Claimants. | For Miss'y Society. | For Tract Society. | For Bible Society. | For Sunday School Un'n | Schools. | Officers and Teachers. | Scholars. | Volumes in Library. |
| Detroit, - | 2291 | 27 | 254 | 29 | 118 | 119 | 25 | 65700 | 12 | 8900 | 219 04 | 1024 51 | 4 93 | 207 52 | 26 99 | 46 | 506 | 2930 | 8944 |
| Ann Arbor, - | 2508 | 27 | 175 | 32 | 54 | 18 | 21 | 48850 | 11 | 9538 | 55 10 | 561 25 | 3 75 | 194 57 | 11 39 | 30 | 305 | 2367 | 5805 |
| Adrian, - | 2410 | 30 | 170 | 25 | 81 | 32 | 23 | 30700 | 15 | 11000 | 113 24 | 1102 77 | 3 00 | 110 67 | 21 68 | 39 | 378 | 2059 | 6153 |
| Owosso, - | 1650 | 17 | 273 | 29 | 60 | 22 | 5 | 8000 | 5 | 2100 | 29 79 | 116 19 | --- | 18 00 | 18 23 | 49 | 345 | 1352 | 4837 |
| Flint, - | 2280 | 24 | 395 | 29 | 173 | 65 | 17 | 31750 | 11 | 5500 | 64 99 | 253 30 | 50 | 61 33 | 7 87 | 50 | 505 | 1933 | 5798 |
| Romeo, - | 1715 | 21 | 210 | 16 | 48 | 21 | 15 | 18200 | 10 | 4950 | 38 30 | 198 13 | --- | 56 02 | 8 10 | 31 | 325 | 1492 | 5813 |
| Port Huron, - | 1412 | 11 | 420 | 17 | 111 | 119 | 10 | 21300 | 7 | 5270 | 87 89 | 115 44 | --- | --- | --- | 57 | 423 | 2530 | 6519 |
| Lake Superior, - | 344 | 5 | 64 | 9 | 17 | 102 | 7 | 8100 | 5 | 2900 | 13 00 | 142 86 | --- | 11 00 | --- | 8 | 134 | 494 | 2506 |
| Superior City, - | 32 | --- | 3 | 1 | --- | 5 | 2 | 2000 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | 4 | 10 | 100 |
| Total Amount, | 14552 | 162 | 1964 | 187 | 662 | 508 | 125 | 234600 | 76 | 50158 | 621 35 | 3514 45 | 12 18 | 659 11 | 94 26 | 311 | 2925 | 15167 | 46275 |
| Increase, - | 249 | 1 | --- | 13 | --- | --- | 7 | 4700 | --- | --- | 20 82 | 640 68 | --- | --- | --- | 22 | 206 | 4193 | 6164 |
| Decrease, - | --- | --- | 454 | --- | 263 | 42 | --- | --- | 1 | 167 | --- | --- | 37 19 | 114 13 | 41 53 | --- | --- | --- | --- |

F. A. BLADES, Chairman Con. Committee.

VII. REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Report of the Committee on the Bible Cause.

The Committee on the Bible Cause submit the following report :

An enterprise so intrinsically important as the publication and distribution of the Word of God, needs no argument to commend it to a living Church. The American Bible Society is beyond all doubt the most efficient agency for accomplishing this work among us. It therefore affords us sincere pleasure to learn that during the year ending May 10th, 1860, the receipts of the Parent Society amounted to \$435,956.92, being an advance of \$20,945.55 over the previous year.

During the same period the Society has gratuitously distributed books to the amount of \$47,628.80, which have gone to supply almost every conceivable variety of want, of the precious word of life. Besides, very liberal cash grants have been made to the several branches of the Church, to aid them in their Missionary and Sunday School enterprise; \$7,500 of which have been given to our own denomination. There have been also 81 new auxiliary societies organized during the past year. Within the bounds of our own Conference and under the direction of our very efficient agent, there has been a very encouraging advance of contributions, over the previous year.

The work of exploration and supply at home surprises us, by showing that in five counties of our own State 1489 families have been found destitute of complete copies of the Holy Scriptures — a fact which should stimulate us to greater zeal in so holy a work.

We recommend for your adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That the American Bible Society well deserves the sympathies and patronage of all philanthropic and Christian people, and that we hereby commend the cause and its agents to all our Churches and Congregations.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN RUSSELL, *Chairman*.

Report on the Tract Cause.

The Committee to whom was referred the interests of the Tract Cause beg leave to report as follows :

Whereas, The dissemination of religious knowledge among all classes, in various languages, both at home and abroad, by the circulation of tracts and the cheap publications furnished by our Tract Society, must exert a powerful influence in enlightening and converting the world. *And whereas*, There appears to be a want of interest among us in reference to this great work; therefore—

Resolved, 1, That our confidence in the necessity and usefulness of this Society remains not only undiminished, but is vastly strengthened by our experience and observation in each succeeding year of its history.

Resolved, 2, That we will labor to sustain this noble enterprise, enlarge its power for usefulness and urge forward its glorious conquests, by our influence and our prayers, and by taking up a collection for its support, on our various charges, the present Conference year, wherever it may be deemed practicable.

H. HOOD, *Chairman*.

Resolutions on Slavery.

Resolved, 1, That, in the judgment of this Conference, the question of slavery is not settled, and will not be until the extirpation sought is obtained.

2, That we will seek, by all constitutional and Scriptural means, the extirpation of slavery from the M. E. Church, and that, as a Church, we will not rest or be discouraged until this object is secured.

4, That we approve of the report of the majority of the members of the committee appointed by the late General Conference on the subject of slavery, but regret that it failed to obtain a constitutional majority of the General Conference.

JOHN LEVINGTON, *Chairman.*

Resolutions on Periodicals.

The Committee on Periodicals submitted a report urging the more general circulation of weekly religious newspapers. The *Northwestern Christian Advocate* was particularly recommended. The report also advocated an increased circulation of Sunday School papers, and closed with the following resolution :

"*Resolved*, That we will make an effort to place one of our church periodicals, at least, in the hands of every family belonging to our congregations, giving the preference among the weeklies in the order named in the report."

W. E. BIGELOW, *Chairman.*

Resolutions on Temperance.

Resolved, 1, That the use of malt liquors is an immorality.

2, That we will preach on the subject of temperance once or more during the coming year, and urge upon all our people the importance of total abstinence from *all* that will intoxicate.

3, That we will urge the impropriety of our members renting buildings for the sale of intoxicating liquors.

4, That we most cordially approve of the organization of the Michigan State Temperance Alliance, as it secures efficiency and permanency in this important field of benevolence, and also secures the friends of the cause in all parts of the State from the imposition of irresponsible lecturers.

5, That we cordially welcome, as a most eloquent advocate and effectual fellow laborer in the field of temperance, the Agent of the State Temperance Alliance, Mr. J. B. Merwin, and most heartily commend him to the sympathies of the friends of the cause throughout the State.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. M. ANDERSON, *Chairman.*

Resolutions on the Use of Tobacco.

Resolved, 1. That we will, as Christian ministers, wholly abstain from the ordinary use of tobacco in all its forms; and, so far as practicable, will urge upon others to do the same.

2. That we will faithfully preach against this evil, and use our best endeavors to banish it from the church and the world.

3. That we hereby and henceforth strongly recommend to all brethren who may use tobacco, and shall from time to time ask to unite with the Detroit Conference on trial or otherwise, wholly to discard this base practice before they seek admittance to this body.

J. J. GRIDLEY, *Chairman.*

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AND RESOLUTIONS.

On Fraternal Correspondence.

Resolved, That those ministers who may be stationed in places where any of the Ecclesiastical Bodies with whom we are in correspondence, shall meet, during the year, be, and they are hereby constituted, our delegates to such bodies.

In Relation to Statistics.

The Presiding Elders were requested to furnish each of their Preachers in charge with blanks for their statistics during the year, the Preachers to fill them out at home, and present them, or cause them to be presented, to the appropriate committees, by the second day of the next session.

On the Claims of Superannuated Preachers, Widows and Orphans.

The Secretary was directed to estimate the amount necessary to meet the demands of the Conference claimants—To apportion it among the several districts, and to publish such estimate and apportionment in the Minutes.

Each Presiding Elder, with the assistance of the District Stewards, was requested to apportion the amount assigned to his district among the several charges, and to urge the Preachers to collect the amount assigned, as far as practicable.

On Legal Forms, for Appointing Boards of Trustees and Filling Vacancies.

E. H. Pilcher, George Smith and R. R. Richards were constituted a Committee to prepare forms of certificate for the appointment of Trustees, and for filling vacancies in Boards of Trustees.

IX. MEMOIR OF REV. ROBERT DUBOIS.

Robert Dubois, the subject of this sketch, was born near Ogdensburg, in St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., December 12, 1820. In 1835, while a mere lad, he came to Michigan, and found a home at Ann Arbor. In the year following he became a member of the M. E. Church, under the pastoral labors of Rev. Bro. T. Wily. In 1843, entering the ministry, he traveled that year on the Dearbornville circuit, under the supervision of the lamented BRAKEMAN. In 1844 he entered the Michigan Conference on trial, in company with a large class of young men, eight of whom are now members of the Detroit, two of the Michigan, and one of the Oregon Annual Conferences. His appointment for the year was Hillsdale circuit, with Adam Minnis preacher in charge. In 1845 he was sent to Brooklyn, in company with S. C. Stringham; in 1846 to Medina circuit, with Peter Sabin; and was returned the following year as Preacher in charge; in 1848 and '49, he was appointed to Dundee; in 1850 and '51 to Ingham. His health failing here, at his own request, he received an appointment to the Lake Superior country, and was stationed at Kewawenon Indian Mission. With recruited energies, he labored here with his usual success for two years, but was obliged, by returning illness, to abandon the field, reluctantly superannuating at the close of the third year. In 1855 he removed to Ann Arbor, where, after a protracted illness of several years, he peacefully closed his course upon earth on Tuesday, February 28, 1860—aged 39 years, 2 months, and 16 days. These dates form the statistical eras of our Brother's career. But however important in their place, they cannot reveal to us the man, they cannot daguerreotype his inner life and soul.

What was the man? what his gifts, his spirit? what his works? what were the impressions he left upon those about him? *what monuments has he reared for Truth and God?* These are questions that may appropriately find a response in what we have to say of him who was late of earth, now of Heaven.

Of his early school days we cannot definitely speak; but for several years we find him enjoying the advantages for mental culture at the old Academy in Ann Arbor; afterward, in company with Estabrook, and other distinguished teachers of the State, at the Tecumseh branch of the Michigan University. In his journal we find a statement that may perhaps throw some light upon the habits of his mental nature, as well as upon the sources whence he derived his information. He

says: "There are four eminent means by which the mind may improve itself in knowledge — and they are, observation, conversation, meditation and reading." Disqualified in a great measure for protracted study, by an excitable temperament and nervous disabilities under which he labored during most of his ministerial course, it could not be expected that he should excel in the book department of knowledge, but his sound judgment, his practical common sense, his executive efficiency, tell us unequivocally that the *other* sources of knowledge of which he has spoken, were not neglected by him. By observation and conversation, he had a knowledge of others, and by meditation a knowledge of himself, and was thereby qualified to move men. He was the practical man. His thoughts were original. For the purpose of enriching his discourse, he drew from the same source as did the first book-makers — who thought before they wrote — from the original fountains of thought that ought to be unsealed and flowing from the depths of every human intelligence. His religious education commenced at a very early age. His parents were exemplary members of the Scotch Presbyterian Church, and paid such attention to the spiritual culture of their children, that we are not surprised to find among his papers the statement that, "from his earliest recollection, the importance of Divine things was deeply impressed upon his mind." But, *were it not* for the deceitfulness of sin, and the general depravity of our nature, we *should* be surprised to find him say, in immediate connection with the above, that he long delayed the hour of his return to God. From his journal, we learn that about the middle of December, in the year 1836, soon after his arrival in this State, while present at a class meeting in the village of Ann Arbor, he was so powerfully impressed with a sense of his sinfulness, that he was utterly deprived of all rest either of body or of mind. Soon after, at a time of no special interest in religion, he found the Saviour precious. Of the joy and peace which overflowed his soul, he has spoken in the most glowing language — quoting the lines.

"'Twas a *heaven* below,
My REDEEMER to know."

Bro. Dubois was no stranger to the interior life. While others have been content to walk *about* Zion, marking the stateliness of the external proportions of the temple of Christianity, admiring with philosophic eye, her towers, he could *only* be satisfied by crossing the threshold and gazing with ravished vision upon the spiritual splendors of the interior. It was from the depths of this personal experience in the things of God, that he was enabled to speak those glowing, positive, soul-arresting words in the ears of a revolted and death-seeking world, bringing captive multitudes to Christ. Spiritual heart-power empowers all other power in the Church, and is that without which all talent, all evangelical machinery, is but powderless artillery — a steainless engine — a navy on the sand. Singleness of heart, unity of purpose, constancy of effort, characterized our brother throughout his entire career. When but a youth, while listening to the first Methodist sermon he ever heard, from the glowing lips of the immortal Jesse Lee, his soul struck fire with the thought, "I, too, will be a Methodist Preacher." When converted, the call of God but seconded the promptings of his own enkindled zeal, and though deeply conscious of his own helplessness, his prayer was, "Lord send me" — "thy grace shall be sufficient for me." To the ministry of reconciliation he gave his

heart, his labor, and his life. Cheerfully making its sacrifices, meekly enduring its hardness, devotedly fulfilling its high behests, he went forward trusting in his Master's strength, and rejoicing in his Master's blessing, until failing strength bade him rest awhile upon his shield ere he entered into his Master's joy.

Bro. Dubois was not a showy but an earnest man. He abhorred shams—worshipped truth—never fought with painted swords or flowery wands. He gloried in the cross, in the edge of fire, in the tongue of flame. "He prayed into the heart of God; he spoke into the hearts of men." He was a successful man—consistent in his life, believing in his prayer, clear in his statement of truth, powerful in his exhortive appeals. He was a man for the times. He took the people with him. Revivals followed him from appointment to appointment, thus leaving as the result, the influence of his life and labors upon earth—a *line of light* from which he has gone up, lost in the overwhelming effulgence of Heaven.

W. H. PERRINE.
GEORGE SMITH.
M. HICKEY.

X. APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1860-61.

For Domestic Missions.

| | |
|--|------------|
| <i>To Detroit District</i> —Walnut Street, - - - - - | \$150 00 |
| <i>To Owosso District</i> — - - - - | \$100 00 |
| Owosso Charge, - - - - - | 70 00 |
| Chessening, - - - - - | 50 00 |
| | 220 00 |
| <i>To Flint District</i> —East Saginaw, - - - - - | 25 00 |
| Saginaw City, - - - - - | 25 00 |
| Bay City, - - - - - | 87 50 |
| Midland, - - - - - | 37 50 |
| | 175 00 |
| <i>Romeo District</i> —North Branch, - - - - - | 75 00 |
| Stoney Creek, - - - - - | 25 00 |
| | 100 00 |
| <i>Port Huron District</i> — - - - - | 75 00 |
| Davisville, - - - - - | 25 00 |
| Port Sanilac and Forester, - - - - - | 30 00 |
| Forestville, - - - - - | 25 00 |
| | 155 00 |
| <i>Lake Superior District</i> — - - - - | 100 00 |
| Ontonagon, - - - - - | 200 00 |
| Bay de Noquette, - - - - - | 100 00 |
| | 400 00 |
| <i>Superior City District</i> —Oncota, - - - - - | 350 00 |
| Bayfield, - - - - - | 200 00 |
| Superior City, - - - - - | 400 00 |
| | 950 00 |
| Total for Domestic Missions, - - - - - | \$2,150 00 |

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|-----------------------------|--|---|---|---|------------|
| <i>For Indian Missions—</i> | To Superintendent | - | - | - | \$300 00 |
| | Missionary at Kewawenon, | - | - | - | \$500 00 |
| | Interpreter, " " | - | - | - | 100 00 |
| | | | | | 600 00 |
| | Missionary at Irequois Point, | - | - | - | 425 00 |
| | Assistant " " " | - | - | - | 75 00 |
| | Incidentals, - - - - - | - | - | - | 25 00 |
| | Back taxes on land - - - - - | - | - | - | 35 00 |
| | Accruing taxes, - - - - - | - | - | - | 40 00 |
| | | | | | 600 00 |
| | Total for Indian Missions, - - - | - | - | - | \$1,500 00 |
| | Total appropriations to Missions in the | | | | |
| | Conference, - - - - - | - | - | - | 3,650 00 |
| | Total collected for Missions within the | | | | |
| | Conference, - - - - - | - | - | - | 3,660 30 |
| | Excess of collections over appropriations, - - - | - | - | - | 10 30 |

XI. ALPHABETICAL LIST

Of the Members of the Detroit Annual Conference, with the Post-Office Address of each.

| NAMES. | P. O. ADDRESS. | NAMES. | P. O. ADDRESS. |
|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Arnold, John M. | Dexter. | Cocker, Benj. | Ypsilanti. |
| Allen, Alfred | Mt. Clemens. | Davidson, James F. | Saline. |
| Anderson, C. M. | Manchester. | Donelson, Ira W. | Pinckney. |
| Baughman, John A. | Hudson. | Deshetler, Basil L. | Erie. |
| Brittain, Flaval | Oakgrove. | Dobbins, Jacob | Armada. |
| Blanchard, Jonathan | Adrian. | Donnelly, William | Manchester. |
| Bigelow, W. E. | Port Huron. | Dean, Lyman H. | Howell. |
| Bigelow, A. J. | Coruma. | Edwards, Arthur, Jr. | Saginaw City. |
| Bird, Robert | Houghton. | Fox, William | Marquette. |
| Black, A. J. | Bedford. | Gray, John | Dryden. |
| Bessey, Samuel | Oxford. | Gardner, T. C. | Ypsilanti. |
| Burnett, Wm. Q. | Palmyra. | Gee, Alexander | Dryden. |
| Blades, F. A. | Ann Arbor. | Gridley, John J. | Oakville. |
| Burch, L. D. | Ann Arbor. | Hickey, Manasseh | Detroit. |
| Bell, Andrew | Ann Arbor. | Holt, J. W. | Bedford. |
| Benson, William | Trenton. | Hascall, Erastus R. | Northville. |
| Brown, Henry N. | East Saginaw. | Hedger, Benj. H. | Birmingham. |
| Belknap, Giles N. | Clarkston. | Hevener, Wm. M. | Lapeer. |
| Burnham, John H. | Monroe. | Hood, Hiram | Flint. |
| Bartlett, Alanson R. | Tecumseh. | Higgins, Theron C. | Augusta. |
| Bancroft, John O. | Worth. | Hammond, Daniel W. | Capac. |
| Brockway, Edwin H. | Rome. | Johnson, Peter O. | Grass Lake. |
| Birdsall, William | South Lyons. | Jacokes, Daniel C. | Detroit. |
| Carlton, Henry | Superior City. | Joslin, Thomas J. | Flint. |
| Curtis, David A. | Medina. | Johnson, Robert | Bay de Noquette. |
| Calkins, Sylvester | Romeo. | Klumph, Erastus | Clifton. |
| Crawford, Isaac | Flushing. | Kilpatrick, Jesse | Perry. |
| Crane, Rufus C. | Farmington. | Kern, Joseph G. | Ruby. |
| Crane, Rufus H. | Genesee. | Kellogg, Jason W. | Detroit. |
| Clements, Samuel, Jr. | Port Huron. | Levington, John | Detroit. |
| Camburn, Ira H. | Memphis. | Lee, Samuel P. | Bennington. |
| Crippen, John W. | Holly. | Littlefield, Solomon S. | Tipton. |
| Caster, E. E. | Owosso. | Lowe, George W. | Dundee. |
| Caster, J. H. | Fowlerville. | Mothersill, William | Hadley. |
| Cordon, James H. | Port Sanilac. | McConnell, Richard | Lindon. |



| NAMES. | P. O. ADDRESS. | NAMES. | P. O. ADDRESS. |
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| Mosher, Curtis..... | Napoleon. | Stonex, William G..... | Petersburg. |
| Marksman, Peter..... | Irequois Point. | Stringham, Stephen C..... | Ciinton. |
| May, Franklin W..... | Detroit. | Seeley, Thomas..... | Grand Blanc. |
| Mitchell, Lewis..... | Stoney Creek. | Shaw, Adison C..... | Marquette. |
| Minnis, Adam..... | Almont. | Sutton, Joseph S..... | Milford. |
| Murch, Silas P..... | Kewawenon. | Smart, James S..... | Flint. |
| Mahon, William..... | Romeo. | Sanborn, Orlando..... | Algonac. |
| Noble, James R..... | Oakland. | Todd, William..... | Erie, Pa. |
| Owen, George W..... | Columbus. | Triggs, Robert..... | Albion. |
| Pilcher, Elijah..... | Ann Arbor. | Taylor, George..... | Ann Arbor. |
| Parker, Jacob E..... | Washington, D. C. | Taylor, William..... | Fentonville. |
| Prichard, Benj. F..... | Utica. | Tuttle, William..... | Lakeport. |
| Perrine, William H..... | Spring Arbor. | Tracy, David B..... | Houghton. |
| Prindle, Elias B..... | Ingham Centre. | Triggs, William M..... | Middlebury. |
| Parker, Henry O..... | Minnesota Mines. | Wakelin, Thomas..... | Flat Rock. |
| Pardington, Rayner S..... | Newport. | Warren, Frederick W..... | Cornuna. |
| Ramsdell, Stephen L..... | Chelsea. | Whitmore, Oren..... | Chelsea. |
| Russell, Jesse B..... | Cheseneing. | Warner, Silas P..... | St. Clair. |
| Richards, Ransom R..... | Ann Arbor. | Whitcomb, J. G..... | Morenci. |
| Russell, John..... | Pontiac. | Webster, James..... | Paw Paw. |
| Reed, Seth..... | Detroit. | Way, William C..... | Plymouth. |
| Smith, George..... | Ann Arbor. | Wesley, John..... | Ridgeway. |
| Steele, Ebenezer..... | Washington. | York, L. C..... | Ontonagon. |

Members, 116.

Alphabetical List of Probationers, with the Post-Office Address of each.

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| Armstrong, James..... | Byron. | Ketchum, Abijah E..... | Richmond. |
| Betts, George L..... | Adrian. | Leet, M. S..... | Clarkston. |
| Bird, Samuel..... | Vicksburg. | Nichols, Thomas..... | Forestville. |
| Clack, William..... | Davisville. | Potter, Thomas G..... | Lexington. |
| Curmalia, James H..... | Newburg. | Perrin, Oliver J..... | Fairfield. |
| Campbell, William J..... | Willow Creek. | Shaw, William C..... | Bayfield. |
| Dunning, William..... | Forest. | Stalker, Thomas..... | Commerce. |
| Green, O. H. P..... | Hartland Centre. | Taylor, Barton S..... | Farmington. |
| Herick, Alanson..... | Midland. | Tedman, L. S..... | North Branch. |
| Hamilton, John..... | Watrousville. | Vandoozer, S. P..... | Henriette. |
| Hawkinson, Joseph T..... | Williamston. | Wilkinson, Samuel..... | New Haven. |
| Joslin, Harvey..... | Goodrich. | Warren, Squire E..... | Chesterfield. |
| Johnston, William J..... | Brockway. | Wortley, Jacob C..... | Bay City. |

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Names and Residences of the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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| Thomas A. Morris,..... | Springfield, O. | Mathew Simpson,..... | Evanston, Ill. |
| Edmund S. Janes,..... | New York. | Osmond C. Baker,..... | Concord, N. H. |
| Levi Scott,..... | Wilmington, Del. | Edward R. Ames,..... | Indianapolis, Ia. |

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Conference Rules of Order.

1. The Conference shall meet at 8 o'clock A. M. and adjourn at 12 M., but may alter the time of meeting and adjournment at their discretion.
2. The President shall take the chair precisely at the hour to which the Conference stood adjourned, and cause the same to be opened by reading the Scriptures, Singing and Prayer, and shall have the Journals of the preceding day read and approved.
3. The President shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference; but in case of an appeal, the question shall be taken without debate.
4. He shall appoint all Committees not otherwise specially ordered by the Conference, but any member may decline serving on more than one Committee at the same time.
5. All motions and resolutions introduced by any member shall be reduced to writing, if the President, Secretary or any other member request it.
6. When a motion, or resolution, or report presented, is read by the Secretary, or stated by the President, it shall be deemed as in possession of the Conference; but any motion or resolution may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before decision or amendment.
7. No new motion or resolution shall be made until the one under consideration is disposed of, which may be done by adoption or rejection, unless one of the following should intervene, which motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are placed, viz: Indefinite postponement, laying on the table, reference to a Committee, postponement to any given time, or amendment.
8. No member shall be interrupted when speaking, except by the President, to call him to order when he departs from the question, uses personalities or disrespectful language; but any member may call the attention of the President to the subject when he deems a speaker out of order, or any other member may explain when he thinks himself misrepresented.
9. When any member is about to speak in debate, or to deliver any matter to the Conference, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to the President.
10. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject, or more than fifteen minutes at one time, without leave of Conference; nor shall any person speak more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.
11. When any motion or resolution shall have passed, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the affirmative, to move a reconsideration.
12. No member shall absent himself from the services of the Conference without leave, unless he be sick or unable to attend.
13. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question, who is not within the bar at the time when such question is put by the President, except by leave of Conference, when such member has been necessarily absent.
14. Every member who shall be within the bar at the time the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Conference, for special reasons, excuse him.
15. No motion shall be considered unless seconded.
16. The Secretary shall keep a journal of the proceedings of Conference, and when approved, shall record them in a book provided for that purpose; he shall take charge of the Journals and other papers of the Conference and preserve them with care; suffer no person to take a copy of any paper during the interval of Conference, except with the consent of the Conference, and shall forward the Journal and papers to the next Annual Conference.
17. A motion to adjourn shall be in order at any time, and shall be decided without debate.
18. No Preacher shall bring any charge against any member of this Conference, until he has first given him information of the same, either by letter or otherwise, so that the accused may have an opportunity for defense.
19. When any Brother intends to object to the passage of another's character, it shall be his duty to hand the name of the person against whom objections are to be made, to the President of the Conference, who shall pass the name by, to be investigated in secret session, at such time as the Conference may direct.